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## **GENERAL NEWS**

## **CDC Extends Order to Temporarily Halt Evictions**

Today in the *Federal Register*, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (<u>CDC</u>) published an <u>order</u> extending the original temporary eviction moratorium <u>order</u> until **March 31, 2021**.

Under the order, landlords and owners are temporarily prohibited from evicting any covered person from any residential property in any jurisdiction to which the order applies. A *covered person* is expected to use "their best efforts to obtain available government assistance for rent or housing." The order now applies to American Samoa because cases of COVID-19 have now been reported there. It does not apply to areas with the same or greater level of public health protections.

As you recall, the <u>order</u> to temporarily halt residential evictions to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 was originally implemented by <u>CDC</u> on September 4, 2020, with an expiration date of December 31, 2020. Then, the 2021 Consolidated Appropriations Act, signed into law by President Trump on December 27, 2020, extended the CDC eviction moratorium until January 31, 2021.

## **HUD to Host Webinar Series on PHA Best Practices During COVID-19**

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (<u>HUD</u>) <u>announced</u> that it will be hosting a webinar series to provide PHAs with best practices, recommendations, and solutions related to improving operations, program compliance, and financial management during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The webinars will address a variety of topics relevant to the pandemic and its resulting impact on PHA operations, such as engaging landlords and partners, and effective leasing strategies. As such, the series is intended for PHA staff at all levels of the Housing Choice Voucher and Public Housing programs, including property management, inspections, housing specialist, and program management staff. Topics and webinar dates include the following:

- Leasing Strategies February 18, 2021, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time
- Continuing to Engage with Landlords March 11, 2021, from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Click on each link for more information, including <u>instructions</u> on how to register. You must have a HUD Exchange account to register.



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