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GENERAL NEWS

CDC Issues New Order to Temporarily Halt Evictions Through October 3

Yesterday the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)) [announced](#) that it has issued a new [order](#) temporary halting evictions through **October 3, 2021**. The new eviction moratorium is narrower and more targeted than the one that expired on July 31, 2021, as it only applies to areas experiencing substantial or high levels of COVID-19 transmission. According to the 19-page document:

If a U.S. county that is not covered by this order as of August 3, 2021, later experiences substantial or high levels of community transmission while this order is in effect, then the county will be become subject to this order as of the date the county begins experiencing substantial or high levels of community transmission. If a U.S. county that is covered by this order no longer experiences substantial or high levels of community transmission for 14 consecutive days, then this order will no longer apply in that county, unless and until the county again experiences substantial or high levels of community transmission while this order is in effect.

The CDC also clarifies that any eviction that was completed before the issuance of the order including from August 1 through August 3, 2021, is not subject to the order, as it does not operate retroactively. The moratorium does not apply to any state, local, territorial, or tribal area with a moratorium on residential evictions that provides the same or greater level of public health protections.

HUD Posts Updated PIH ERAP FAQs

Yesterday on the [Public and Indian Housing COVID-19 Resources](#) webpage, the Department of Housing and Urban Development ([HUD](#)) posted an updated set of frequently asked questions ([FAQs](#)) on the U.S. Department of Treasury ([Treasury](#)) Emergency Rental Assistance ([ERA](#)) program funds as they relate to Public and Indian Housing ([PIH](#)) programs. The five-page document covers issues such as who can accept funds and who qualifies for assistance, whether to count ERA funds as income, data sharing, and duplication of benefits, among other topics. Updated questions are flagged as such in this new version, dated August 3, 2021.

As you know, the ERA program makes funding available to assist households that are unable to pay rent or utilities. Two separate programs have been established: ERA1 provides up to \$25 billion under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, enacted on December 27, 2020, and ERA2 provides up to \$21.55 billion under the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, enacted on March 11, 2021. The funds are provided directly to states, U.S. territories, local governments, and, in the case of ERA1, Indian tribes. Grantees use the funds to provide assistance to eligible households through existing or newly created rental assistance programs.

You can find the links to the FAQs, in addition to other COVID-19 resources, on [this page](#) at HUD's website. For ERA resources, you can visit the [ERAP website](#).



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