

COVID-19 Impact on Legal Aid & Financial Assistance

Housing

The Trial court has issued a stay on eviction proceedings until April 21st, (Thus, landlords will not be able to go forward with evictions unless the court had already issued an execution for eviction prior to implementing the stay on evictions). Most Massachusetts Landlords associations across the state have agreed not to evict for 90 Days. (Major: Housing agencies/associations: Boston Housing Authority, Worcester Housing Authority, MACDC, Winn Mgmt., Trinity Financial, Community Builders, Cruz Management, Maloney Management, POAH, and Greater Boston Real Estate Board.

For Emergency Shelter call Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) at 866-584-0653 for an intake.

CHAPA COVID-19 Affordable Housing Updates: www.chapa.org/housing-news/covid-19-affordable-housing-updates

Department of Transitional Assistance (DTA) Benefits

DTA agencies are closed or not accepting walk-ins. For families in need of assistance call 877-382-2363.

Family Court & Domestic Violence Cases

Family court matters (i.e. child support, visitations, divorce) have been placed on hold until May 21st. Families may still file for these type of cases electronically (through the specific court website, fees for electronic filling have been waived) or by mail. However, cases will not be assigned until after the COVID-19 precautions have been lifted.

For 209A petitions / restraining orders: Have individuals contact the district court in their jurisdiction for information on how to obtain order of protection.

For Massachusetts Courts & Legal info:

- <https://www.mass.gov/guides/courts-court-offices-and-court-departments-contact-information>
- <https://www.massbar.org/membership/COVID-19-Updates>

Need Assistance? Contact the PPOC Regional Support Team

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617-919-6052

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