

**Legal Alert: DHCR Issues Supplemental Advisory Opinion 2020-1.1
Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance**

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Please be advised that the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal (DHCR) has issued Advisory Opinion 2020-1.1 in order to supplement Advisory Opinion 2020-1, originally issued on March 18, 2020, and previously circulated by the Firm. This latest advisory opinion can be found at:

<https://hcr.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/04/advisory-op-2020-1.1-final-version.pdf>

The critical points of this Advisory Opinion that will likely impact you, are as follows:

- All Agency matters that are not final as of March 13, 2020, or do not involve an emergency condition or harassment, are extended, for the purposes of filing submissions, by **an additional thirty (30) days to May 3, 2020**.
- Any time to otherwise file what would have been, as of the effective date of DHCR's Advisory Opinion, a timely Petition for Administrative Review (PAR) from an order of a Rent Administrator **is likewise extended by thirty (30) days to May 3, 2020**.
- Any time provided to respond to an individualized TPU investigation into a single apartment review **will also be extended by thirty (30) days to May 3, 2020**, unless TPU otherwise expressly requests a response after the issuance of DHCR's Advisory opinion.
- All Agency hearings, conferences, and continuances of those hearings and conferences **remain postponed**. Parties will be advised of the rescheduled date.
- DHCR recognizes that the COVID-19 pandemic continues to be an evolving situation, and may issue further supplemental guidance regarding the aforementioned directives.
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As always, we will keep you apprised of future developments as they arise.