

Legal Alert: Housing Court Update During Pandemic

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This morning at his daily press conference, Governor Cuomo announced a number of state-wide policies pertinent to landlord/tenant matters, which take effect immediately. These policies are as follows and apply to both residential and commercial tenants:

- **Evictions:** the moratorium staying all evictions is now extended through August 20, 2020.
- **Late Fees:** the State has prohibited charging tenants any late fees for missed rent payments through August 20, 2020.
- **Security Deposits:** tenants with COVID-related hardships may use their security deposits previously paid to their landlord to pay their rent and repay the security deposit back over time.

There was no additional information provided regarding court re-openings or when we will be permitted to file new cases, but we will keep you posted the moment we hear anything. As always, we are here for any questions or concerns you may have.