COVID-19: TENANT PROTECTIONS

🚫 Despite what the headlines say there is NO statewide eviction moratorium.
✔️ The best way to protect yourself is to pay your rent on time if you can.

1. If you can’t pay your rent because of COVID-19, **tell your landlord in writing as soon as possible, before rent is due.** Keep copies of what you send and your landlord’s responses.

2. Take pictures of all documentation that shows you lost income because of COVID-19. These can include:
   - ✔️ Paystubs
   - ✔️ Notes from your boss
   - ✔️ Bank statements
   - ✔️ Notices that your kids’ school is closed
   - ✔️ Doctor’s note showing you had to stay home to care for yourself or someone else

3. Even if you tell your landlord that you can’t pay and give them documentation, your landlord might still give you an eviction notice. **If you receive an eviction notice, call Bay Area Legal Aid right away at 800-551-5554.**

4. Different cities have different rules and resources about what you have to do to stay in your home. **Call Bay Area Legal Aid at 800-551-5554** to find out which rules apply to you.

**Free legal advice, referrals and assessment for representation available at:**

*Legal Advice Line: 800-551-5554*

Bay Area Legal Aid provides legal assistance to low-income individuals and families only. We cannot guarantee that an attorney will represent you in your case, but we will provide advice and referrals to those who qualify for our services.

www.baylegal.org

Updated 4/3/20