On Tuesday, February 23, Governor Gavin Newsom signed a legislative package that will provide urgent relief to individuals, families, and small business owners significantly suffer from economic hardship due to COVID-19. The relief comes in the form of:

- $600 direct relief to individuals and families.
- Grants up to $25,000 for small businesses impacted by the pandemic.
- $50 million set-aside for grants to non-profit cultural institutions.
- Two years of fee relief for restaurants and bars licensed through the state's Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
- Two years of fee relief for barbering and cosmetology individuals and businesses licensed through the Department of Consumer Affairs.
- Stipends of $525 per enrolled child for all state-subsidized childcare and preschool providers; with federal resources extended to June of 2022 for children of essential workers.
- $24 million for financial assistance and services through Housing for the Harvest – providing support for agricultural workers who have had to quarantine due to COVID-19, including $35 million for food banks and diapers.
- $100 million in emergency financial aid for qualifying low-income students carrying six or more units, including $20 million to reengage students who have either left community college because of COVID-19 or to assist students at-risk of leaving because of COVID-19.
- $6 million to support outreach and application assistance to UC, CalState, and California Community College students made newly eligible for CalFresh, including $12 million in state funds to support associated county administrative workload.

For more information about these relief measures, please see below:

AB 81 by Assemblymember Philip Ting (D-San Francisco) – COVID-19 relief.

AB 82 by Assemblymember Philip Ting (D-San Francisco) – COVID-19 pandemic emergency: contact tracing: childcare.
Los Angeles County Eviction Moratorium Extension for Residential Tenants

California’s eviction moratorium where a landlord could not evict a residential tenant because of COVID-19-related hardship expired on February 1, 2021. This is for rent that accrued between March 4, 2020 through August 21, 2020. On January 29, 2021, this date was extended to June 30, 2021 if the eviction is a result of rent owed due to a COVID-19-related hardship (SB 91). Further, no tenant can be evicted after June 30, 2021 if they pay 25% of the rent owned from September 2020 through June 30, 2021 with attestation of financial hardship due to the pandemic. Landlords can recoup the remaining balance owed after June 30, 2021 but may not use nonpayment of rent as a basis for eviction.

Additional legal and financial protections for tenants include:

- Extending the notice period for nonpayment of rent from three to 15 days to provide the tenant additional time to respond.
- Protecting tenants against being evicted for “just cause” if the landlord is shown to be in effect evicting the tenant for COVID-19-related rent nonpayment.
- Requiring landlords to provide tenants a notice detailing their rights under the act.

Landlords have the option to participate in a program whereby the state will use federal funds to cover 80% of a qualifying tenant’s unpaid rent from April 2020 through March 2021. All payments would be made to landlords directly. In order to be eligible, the landlord must forgive the remaining balance of owed rent and must not pursue an eviction. This would include rent, fees, interest or any other financial obligation under the lease. If federal funds remain available following March 2021, the state will continue to pay 25% of future rent for a period up to three months.

Additionally, the county has authorized administrative fines and civil penalties of up to $5,000 per violation, per day, against landlords and mobile home park owners for tenant harassment and retaliation, with an additional $5,000 per violation, per day, if the tenant is disabled or sixty-five years or older.

For more information about the State of California Eviction Moratorium, please click [HERE](#).

For more information about the County of Los Angeles' Eviction Moratorium, please click [HERE](#).
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