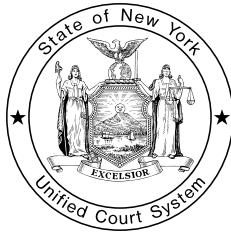


## **NOTICE TO TENANT:**

If you have lost income or had increased costs during the COVID-19 pandemic, or moving would pose a significant health risk for you or a member of your household due to an increased risk for severe illness or death from COVID-19 due to an underlying medical condition, and you sign and deliver this hardship declaration form to your landlord, you may be protected from eviction until at least January 15, 2022 for nonpayment of rent or for holding over after the expiration of your lease. If your landlord files an eviction against you and you provide this form to the landlord or the court, the eviction proceedings will be postponed until January 15, 2022 unless your landlord moves to challenge your declaration of hardship. If the court finds your hardship claim valid, the eviction proceeding will be postponed until after January 15, 2022. While the eviction proceeding is postponed, you may remain in possession of your unit. You may still be evicted for violating your lease by intentionally causing significant damage to the property or persistently and unreasonably engaging in behavior that substantially infringes on the use and enjoyment of other tenants or occupants or causes a substantial safety hazard to others.

If your landlord has provided you with this form, your landlord must also provide you with a mailing address and e-mail address to which you can return this form. If your landlord has already started an eviction proceeding against you, you can return this form to either your landlord, the court, or both at any time. You should keep a copy or picture of the signed form for your records. You will still owe any unpaid rent to your landlord. You should also keep careful track of what you have paid and any amount you still owe.

For more information about legal resources that may be available to you, go to [www.nycourts.gov/evictions/nyc/](http://www.nycourts.gov/evictions/nyc/) or call 718-557-1379 if you live in New York City or go to [www.nycourts.gov/evictions/outside-nyc/](http://www.nycourts.gov/evictions/outside-nyc/) or call a local bar association or legal services provider if you live outside of New York City. Financial assistance may be available to you, even if you have not qualified for assistance in the past. You should contact your local housing assistance office or the Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (OTDA) for application information.



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County and Court (if known/applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

## **TENANT’S DECLARATION OF HARDSHIP DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

I am a tenant, lawful occupant, or other person responsible for paying rent, use and occupancy, or any other financial obligation under a lease or tenancy agreement at (address of dwelling unit):

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**YOU MUST INDICATE BELOW YOUR QUALIFICATION FOR EVICTION PROTECTION BY SELECTING OPTION “A” OR “B”, OR BOTH.**

- A. I am experiencing financial hardship, and I am unable to pay my rent or other financial obligations under the lease in full or obtain alternative suitable permanent housing because of one or more of the following:
1. Significant loss of household income during the COVID-19 pandemic.
  2. Increase in necessary out-of-pocket expenses related to performing essential work or related to health impacts during the COVID-19 pandemic.
  3. Childcare responsibilities or responsibilities to care for an elderly, disabled, or sick family member during the COVID-19 pandemic have negatively affected my ability or the ability of someone in my household to obtain meaningful employment or earn income or increased my necessary out-of-pocket expenses.
  4. Moving expenses and difficulty I have securing alternative housing make it a hardship for me to relocate to another residence during the COVID-19 pandemic.

5. Other circumstances related to the COVID-19 pandemic have negatively affected my ability to obtain meaningful employment or earn income or have significantly reduced my household income or significantly increased my expenses.

To the extent I have lost household income or had increased expenses, any public assistance, including unemployment insurance, pandemic unemployment assistance, disability insurance, or paid family leave, that I have received since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic does not fully make up for my loss of household income or increased expenses.

- B. Vacating the premises and moving into new permanent housing would pose a significant health risk because I or one or more members of my household have an increased risk for severe illness or death from COVID-19 due to being over the age of sixty-five, having a disability or having an underlying medical condition, which may include but is not limited to being immunocompromised.

I understand that I must comply with all other lawful terms under my tenancy, lease agreement or similar contract. I further understand that lawful fees, penalties or interest for not having paid rent in full or met other financial obligations as required by my tenancy, lease agreement or similar contract may still be charged or collected and may result in a monetary judgment against me. I further understand that my landlord may request a hearing to challenge the certification of hardship made herein, and that I will have the opportunity to participate in any proceedings regarding my tenancy. I further understand that my landlord may be able to seek eviction after January 15, 2022, and that the law may provide certain protections at that time that are separate from those available through this declaration.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE:** You are signing and submitting this form under penalty of law. That means it is against the law to make a statement on this form that you know is false.