The eviction moratorium in Massachusetts expired in October. It protected people from eviction who now risk losing their homes. The latest data show that 1 in 3 Massachusetts renters are at risk of eviction during the COVID-19 pandemic, with Black and Hispanic renters at increased risk.

HRiA’s COMMITMENT TO HEALTH AND RACIAL EQUITY

Unaffordable and unstable housing impact our health, and this threat has grown even more dire as COVID-19 has inflicted tremendous economic hardship across the Commonwealth. According to the CDC, housing stability helps protect public health by preventing people from moving into congregate settings where they are at higher risk of contracting COVID-19. People of color are at greater risk of homelessness and the resulting health consequences. Health Resources in Action is deeply committed to addressing health and racial inequities and the underlying systems that perpetuate them.

FOR ALL RESIDENTS AT RISK OF EVICTION

If you are at risk of eviction, you may be protected by the CDC’s order temporarily stopping residential evictions. To use this order, sign this declaration and give a copy to your landlord: cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/declaration-form.pdf

FOR BOSTON RESIDENTS

The Rental Relief Fund for Residents of Boston can help with overdue or future rent for those financially impacted by COVID-19 and at risk of eviction:

Learn more about the Rental Relief Fund here: boston.gov/departments/neighborhood-development/office-housing-stability/rental-relief-fund

Visit or call the Boston Office of Housing Stability:
boston.gov/departments/neighborhood-development/office-housing-stability
Phone: 617-635-4200

Visit or call City Life/Vida Urbana: clvu.org/covid19
Phone: 617-934-5006 (English), 617-397-3773 (Español)

FOR MASS RESIDENTS (INCLUDING BOSTON)

The Residential Assistance for Families in Transitions (RAFT) program can help Massachusetts residents with overdue housing or utility payments and/or upfront housing costs (security deposits, first/last month rent, etc) for low income residents in a crisis.

Find your regional office to apply: hedfuel.azurewebsites.net

More resources for Massachusetts residents who need help with housing:

- Mass Housing – Visit masshousinginfo.org/difficulty-paying-your-rent-or-mortgage