Residential evictions are temporarily banned in Washington until June 4th, or longer if the civil emergency continues, by order of Governor Inslee due to COVID-19.

Do I still have to pay my rent?
Yes. But if you are unable to pay your rent due to the economic impacts of COVID-19 your landlord must work with you on a payment plan based on your specific circumstances.

Can my landlord increase my rent?
No, your landlord cannot increase your rent or your security deposit throughout the moratorium.

Can I be charged extra for not paying my rent on time?
No. Late fees are not allowed throughout the moratorium. Your landlord cannot pursue owed rent through debt collection or threaten to do so.

Do I talk to my landlord about it?
Yes! Keep the line of communication open with your landlord. Your landlord will need to plan for the impacts of not receiving rent.

Can I be evicted during the moratorium?
Only if you present an imminent threat to the health and safety of your neighbors and/or your landlord.

Where do I get help if I get a 14 Day Pay or Vacate Notice or other eviction notice during the moratorium?
Contact the Renting in Seattle Helpline at (206) 684-5700 or make an online complaint at https://cosaccela.seattle.gov (look under +Create New and select Complaint). Language assistance is available.

For the most up to date information visit seattle.gov/rentinginseattle
Call us at 206.684.5700

Additional COVID-19 resources
www.seattle.gov/mayor/covid-19 for a list of community resources.
2-1-1 for information on financial help and basic needs.
https://esd.wa.gov/newsroom/covid-19 for unemployment insurance info