



# Coronavirus Impact on Our Communities

*A Discussion for NJ Community Developers*

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# Preventing Housing Crisis: Where We Stand

## Foreclosures and Evictions

- ▶ On Thursday, the Senate passed and Gov. Murphy signed [A3859](#), which prohibits residential tenant eviction and eviction due to residential foreclosures during a state of emergency or a public health emergency.
- ▶ The law gives the governor the authority to issue an executive order that places a hold on all eviction- and foreclosure-related removals.
- ▶ Several counties, including Bergen, Essex, and Hudson, have announced that they will postpone foreclosure sales and eviction notices.
- ▶ NJHMA is expanding housing counseling to include renters concerned with eviction and homeowners trying to prevent foreclosure. Additional services are free of charge.
- ▶ The Federal Housing Finance Agency has directed Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to suspend foreclosures and evictions for at least 60 days due to the coronavirus national emergency. The foreclosure and eviction suspension applies to homeowners with a single-family mortgage backed by either of the government-sponsored enterprises.



# Preventing Housing Crisis: Where We Stand Foreclosures and Evictions

- ▶ The Network Has compiled a list of essential coronavirus resources at [www.hcdnnj.org](http://www.hcdnnj.org).
- ▶ If you have any questions or additional resources for this page, please contact Nina Rainiero at [nrainiero@hcdnnj.org](mailto:nrainiero@hcdnnj.org).

The screenshot shows the website's header with the logo for Housing and Community Development Network of New Jersey. A navigation bar includes links for Home, About Us, Programs & Services, Membership, News & Publications, Events, and Where We'll Be. The main content area is titled "Coronavirus Resources" and features an introductory paragraph, a list of state and federal resources, and a "Quick Links" sidebar. The sidebar includes links to NEST, Thriving Together, and Health Homes & Communities Summit, as well as a "Supporters" section featuring Valley Bank. A "Mark Your Calendars" section lists upcoming events, and a "What's New..." section highlights recent news items.

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### Coronavirus Resources

The health and well being of our communities is a top priority for our Network. As we monitor the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and its impact, we want to make sure you have access to the resources you need. The following is a compilation of information helpful for NJ community developers and the communities you serve. As things change quickly daily, we will do our best to keep updating. If you have any questions or additional resources for this page, please contact Nina Rainiero at [nrainiero@hcdnnj.org](mailto:nrainiero@hcdnnj.org).

**State Resources**

To join text notification: **Text NJCOVID to 898-211**  
If you need live assistance: **Text your zip code to 898-211**

- [State of New Jersey COVID-19 Page](#)
- [A Coronavirus Checklist to Help Keep NJ Residents Informed](#)
- [Housing assistance from the Department of Community Affairs](#)
- [Department of Human Services Assistance Programs](#)
- [New Jersey League of Municipalities COVID-19 Resource Page](#)
- [Rutgers University COVID-19 Information](#)
- [Downtown New Jersey Policy Watch – COVID 19 Special Edition](#)
- ["Internet Essentials" Package for New and Eligible Low Income Families](#)

**Federal Resources**

- [Responding to Coronavirus: Ensuring Housing Stability During a Crisis by the NLIHC](#)
- [US Interagency Council on Homelessness](#)
- [Questions to Assist CoCs and Public Health Authorities to Limit the Spread of Infectious Disease in Homeless Programs](#)
- [Office of Multifamily Housing Covid-19 Q&A](#)
- [Interim Guidance for Homeless Service Providers to Plan and Respond to Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
- [Infectious Disease Preparedness for Homeless Assistance Providers and Their Partners](#)
- [Infectious Disease Toolkit for CoCs](#)
- [Federal Housing Finance Agency](#)
- [Fannie Mae: Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Help](#)
  - Use Fannie Mae's [Loan Lookup Tool](#)
  - Or call 1-800-2FANNIE (1-800-232-6643)
- [Freddie Mac: Extending Help to Homeowners Impacted by COVID-19](#)
  - Use Freddie Mac's [Loan Lookup Tool](#)
  - Or call 1-800-FREDDIE (1-800-373-3343)

**Quick Links**

- [NEST](#)
- [Thriving Together](#)
- [Health Homes & Communities Summit](#)

**Supporters**

**Valley BANK**

**Mark Your Calendars**

- March 20 [Coronavirus Impact on Our Communities: A Discussion for NJ Community Developers](#)
- March 20 **\*\*POSTPONED\*\*** Land Banking Training
- March 27 [DEADLINE EXTENDED:](#)

**What's New...**

**Coronavirus Resources**

- [Advocates Call for Steps to Address Housing Impacts During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [NJ Affordable Home Supply Insufficient, National Study Finds](#)
- [DCA Affordable Housing Trust Fund Webinar Recording](#)
- [Federal and State Policy Priorities](#)



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# *Reports from the Field: Our Communities Respond*

- ▶ *Network partners are responding in real time to the needs of the communities they serve.*
- ▶ *The Network's Advocacy Teams (A-Teams) are on the ground, providing us with updates on their service areas and how they are responding to the crisis.*
- ▶ *The National Low Income Housing Coalition has provided regular updates on federal legislative activity as well as work of statewide community development organizations from around the country.*
- ▶ *The National Association of Community Economic Development Associations (NACEDA) has created a national listserv to communicate to its statewide partners.*



# Concerns from the Field: What Is Needed?

- ▶ **Non-Profit Viability:**

- ▶ *Non-profits must have the resources they need to adequately serve our communities. Concerns about issues like payroll services and other administrative functions must be addressed*

- ▶ **Homelessness:**

- ▶ *Organizations that cannot close during the crisis must have the resources to provide a safe environment, like cleaning supplies and access to food.*
- ▶ *Shelters needs assurance that they will have access to food.*
- ▶ *Medical professionals need to access shelters and resources should come from the state, county, and local level.*

- ▶ **Unemployment:**

- ▶ *Employees need to retain their health insurance through unemployment benefits.*

- ▶ **Health Insurance:**

- ▶ *Providers need to move to telehealth, giving agencies the ability to bill Medicaid over the phone. This could be achieved through an executive order that broadens the telehealth definition.*



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- ▶ **Food Supply:**

- ▶ *A statewide response is necessary to provide food access to highest-risk residents.*
- ▶ *Food banks cannot meet the demand.*

- ▶ **Jail Populations:**

- ▶ *Populations are at high risk and cannot practice social distancing.*
- ▶ *Legal system is changing protocol, resulting in slower release of inmates.*

- ▶ **Access to Records:**

- ▶ *For organizations working with families, having the family be able to access their medical files online is critical.*



**Q&A:**

**What are you hearing at the grassroots?**

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# Thank you!

*The Network will host additional discussions and please  
keep us up to date on your work.*