

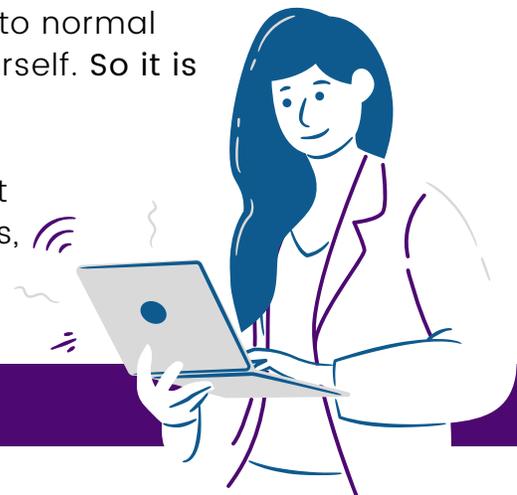
# 7 TIPS

## For Tenants dealing with COVID-19



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- 1** An eviction requires a court order. A notice from your landlord is not enough.
- 2** If you are no longer able to pay all or part of your rent because you lost your job, or other causes, you should speak with your landlord to see if there are other options.
- 3** If your landlord won't agree to other options, the landlord still **MUST** give you a written notice with a certain amount of time to pay your rent. In most rental units, the notice has to be given to you three (3) business days to pay your rent **BEFORE** the landlord can file an eviction with the court. If you are renting a lot in a mobile home park, your landlord **MUST** give you five (5) business days to get current with your rent. If you are still not able to pay. Your landlord must still file a lawsuit to get the court order.
- 4** If you are served with an **eviction complaint**, the law gives you five (5) business days to file a written response with the court. It is **always** a good idea to talk with an attorney before you answer these legal documents - this can help make sure you don't lose out on any rights because your response was incomplete. See back for more legal help resources or the nearest Legal Services of North Florida office.
- 5** If you cannot find an attorney or want to try responding to your landlord on your own, then you should reach out to your local County Clerk's Office to ask about ways you can file a response. Some Clerk's Offices are not allowing people to come into the office to help with public health and safety. Some responses can be filed online, although it is still important to reach out to the clerk and make sure you file on time.
- 6** If you do not file a response on time, you **COULD BE EVICTED**. There are some County Courts that are not allowing evictions right now. However, after the COVID-19 Pandemic is over and courts go back to normal operations, it may be too late to respond and defend yourself. So it is important to act now!
- 7** Your landlord is **NOT ALLOWED** to evict you without a court order! They **CANNOT** force you to move by changing locks, stopping utilities, or other acts that try and remove you from your home.



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