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## Stay Housed L.A. - We're here to help you!

Today, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors launched **Stay Housed L.A. County**, a countywide initiative to provide legal assistance and support for tenants facing eviction amid the COVID-19 pandemic.

[Stay Housed L.A. County](#) is a partnership between the County of Los Angeles and local community and legal services providers.



Together, we provide the residents of Los Angeles County, from Lancaster to Long Beach, with information and resources to keep people in their homes.

Virtual [Know Your Rights workshops](#) will also be offered by participating community organizations to provide L.A. County residents with critical information about permanent and emergency tenant protections that can help tenants facing eviction or other challenges related to their rental housing. Community organizations will provide targeted ongoing support to help tenants with case management support.

### Contact our rent counselors for more info:

- (833) 223-RENT (7368)
- [rent@dcba.lacounty.gov](mailto:rent@dcba.lacounty.gov)

[Learn More](#)

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## Did you get your stimulus payment?

If you haven't seen your money, you can check the status of your payment on the [IRS website](#). Most people over 18 who make less than \$99,000 got a stimulus check of at least \$1,200.

**Remember, this money is yours:**

- It's not taxable. You won't need to pay it back.
- It won't impact your benefits, or immigration status.
- There's no late filing penalty if you don't owe taxes.



It's simple to claim your stimulus payment if you haven't already received it. Simply file your income taxes or use the [Non-Filer Tool](#) at IRS.gov. The deadline to claim your stimulus check without filing taxes is **October 15<sup>th</sup>**. People who miss this deadline can also file a 2020 tax return next year to receive the payment in 2021.

For answers to your stimulus payment questions, call the United Way's dedicated **Economic Impact Payment Helpline** at (844) 322-3639 or see the new guide from the [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau](#).

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## Contact Tracing: Learn What to Expect

The County's Department of [Public Health](#) is contacting everyone that tested positive for COVID-19 to collect potentially life-saving information. All answers are always fully confidential.

There are some scammers posing as contact tracers to get your personal identifying info, such as social security numbers, or financial info like your bank account number. If someone poses as a contact tracer and asks for this personal info **HANG UP** immediately!

[Learn More](#)

## CASE INVESTIGATION AND HOW IT WORKS

### IF YOU TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

DO YOUR PART BY ANSWERING A FEW SIMPLE QUESTIONS WHEN PUBLIC HEALTH CALLS.

THIS IS CONFIDENTIAL.



#### Public Health will ask about:

- The places you have been
- The people you have been around while infectious
- Those you have been in contact with for longer than 15 minutes, up to 48 hours before you had symptoms
- Public Health will notify those people about their exposure to the virus – we will not tell them about you

For more information, visit: [publichealth.lacounty.gov/coronavirus](https://publichealth.lacounty.gov/coronavirus)



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2020 Census: More People Counted = More Funding for L.A. Residents

Did you know that census data helps determine funding for critical services -- like support for small businesses and protections for renters?

By responding to the census, you can help make sure the programs you care about get federal funding. Go to [www.my2020census.gov](https://www.my2020census.gov) to complete your census form today.

### **WHAT IS THE CENSUS?**

The census happens once every 10 years.

**EVERYONE** living in the United States is counted. Age, race, immigration status or ZIP code do not matter. Everyone who lives with you counts, including babies and relatives.

### **TIME IS RUNNING OUT**

Unless more people respond, our communities won't get the funding we need for schools and to help fight the coronavirus.

### **COMPLETING THE CENSUS IS SAFE & EASY**

It only takes 10 minutes to complete the census form safely from your home.

Under federal law, your responses are kept private and won't be shared with your landlord or the government.

Help ensure a vibrant future for Los Angeles residents.

Fill out the census today at [my2020census.gov](https://www.my2020census.gov) or call 1-844-330-2020!

