

# NEWS BRIEF

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## CDC Issues New Targeted Eviction Moratorium

The Biden administration recently announced a new eviction [moratorium](#), which was signed by Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky.

The order temporarily halts evictions in counties with heightened levels of community transmission in response to recent, unexpected developments in the trajectory of the COVID-19 pandemic. The order cites the rise of the Delta variant, which, according to CDC data, is currently the most common variant of COVID-19 in the United States. According to the CDC, this moratorium, set to expire on Oct. 3, 2021, is intended to protect millions of individuals with past-due rent by saving them from eviction.

In a departure from previous eviction moratoriums, this “targeted” eviction ban applies only to areas with high or substantial transmission of COVID-19. This includes a significant percentage of the population, as—at the time of this writing—over 75% of U.S. counties have high or substantial transmission of COVID-19, according to CDC data.

Per the CDC, this order covers tenants or residents who have used best efforts to obtain all available governmental assistance for rent or housing, and who either earned no more than \$99,000 in 2020, or expect to earn no more than \$99,000 in 2021.

### Original CDC Eviction Ban Moratorium Expires

The CDC originally issued a renters protection moratorium in 2020 in response to the financial hardships created by the COVID-19 pandemic. The original protection was extended multiple times before expiring on July 31, 2021, prompting the new moratorium from the CDC.

*“The emergence of the Delta variant has led to a rapid acceleration of community transmission in the United States, putting more Americans at increased risk, especially if they are unvaccinated. This moratorium is the right thing to do to keep people in their homes and out of congregate settings where COVID-19 spreads.”*

*- CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky*

### What This Means

The moratorium is likely to face intense legal scrutiny in the near future. Individuals should stay tuned for more developments on this matter.

We will keep you informed of any noteworthy updates.

