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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 23, 2020

TO: District Court Judges
District Court Administrators

FROM: Bobbi Morrow, Management Analyst

RE: Temporary Suspension of Evictions Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-19

Effective March 20, 2020, Governor Whitmer issued [Executive Order 2020-19](#) (COVID-19), temporarily suspending evictions. The order prohibits any person from entering residential property to remove or exclude the tenant from the premises, except when the tenant poses a substantial risk to another person or an imminent and severe risk to property. Courts may want to review MCL 600.5174(b), (d), and (e) to determine whether the tenant poses a substantial risk to another person or imminent and severe risk to property. Although a tenant still has an obligation to pay rent under the lease, a landlord may not serve a demand for payment of rent during this time.

The temporary suspension regarding evictions will continue until April 17, 2020, at 11:59 p.m. Any statutory restriction on the court's ability to adjourn proceedings, toll redemption or limitation periods, or extend any deadline is also suspended until 30 days after the temporary suspension of evictions expires.

If you have questions, please contact Bobbi Morrow at courtservices@courts.mi.gov or 517-373-2173.