

Sample Email/Text to Your Landlord

Today's date

Hi *landlord's name*, I hope you and yours are safe and healthy. I wanted to keep you updated about my situation. I have lost *income/work/my job* because of the COVID-19 crisis and cannot afford to pay my rent at this time. The Ohio Department of Health Director has issued a list of recommendations to landlords in Ohio asking them to not evict tenants who cannot pay rent. That recommendation can be found at the state's coronavirus page.

Would you be willing to:

1. Waive late fees?
2. Agree not to evict me for not being able to pay rent on time, and instead agree that after the governor lifts the stay at home order, we will work out a repayment agreement that works for both of us?

The news is reporting that most mortgage holders can qualify for a forbearance because of COVID-19. If you receive a forbearance from your lender, would you also be willing to not charge me rent for those months?

I am also wondering if my housing qualifies for CARES Act protections. The CARES Act protects tenants living in federally subsidized housing or with federally backed mortgages, such as mortgages insured by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac. Does my home qualify for those protections?

OPTIONAL: I heard that several cities and counties, or other groups and entities, are working on setting up rental assistance programs. I plan to apply for assistance so that you can get your rent money.

Thanks for your flexibility and understanding,

Your name

Your address

Your phone number