



Housing

- The City has put in place a moratorium on Boston Housing Authority (BHA) evictions that will be in effect as long as Massachusetts stays under a state of emergency.
- The City is [increasing its capacity and interventions](#) for those experiencing homelessness, to reduce congestion and increase social distancing in existing shelters in Boston and aid those in need of a home to safely quarantine or isolate themselves and reduce the further spread of COVID-19 in Boston.
- As mentioned above, on March 30, the City announced a [partnership between the Boston Housing Authority \(BHA\) and Boston Public Schools \(BPS\)](#) to provide housing support for up to 1,000 families with students in Boston schools who are at risk of displacement and homelessness. The support will come in the form of vouchers that will provide significant subsidy for families seeking housing options in the private market.
- On March 31st, Governor Baker announced that hotels, motels, and short-term rentals may only be used for efforts related to fighting COVID-19, such as front line health workers or individuals, or for Massachusetts residents who have been otherwise displaced from their residences. This [state order](#) applies to Boston and all other Massachusetts cities and towns.
- On April 2nd the City announced \$3 million in city and federal funds to be provided through the Office of Housing Stability to help tenants who can't make rent payments. The money will be targeted to households that have lost income due to this crisis who do not qualify for federal relief or unemployment benefits.