



## **FAIR HOUSING AND THE CURRENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

The Fort Wayne Metropolitan Human Relations Commission has been getting calls from people and social service providers about whether the fair housing laws apply to people who may be infected with Covid-19 (also called the coronavirus) or people who are otherwise affected.

Yes, the fair housing laws can protect people who are infected with Covid-19 and those who are perceived as being infected.

## **FAIR HOUSING, NATIONAL ORIGIN DISCRIMINATION AND COVID-19**

The state and federal fair housing laws prohibit discrimination based on national origin. This means:

- It is illegal to deny you housing or shelter because you are from one of the countries most affected by Covid-19 or are perceived as being from such a country.
- It is illegal to have different rules for you than for everyone else because you are from one of the countries most affected by Covid-19 or are perceived as being from such a country.
- It is illegal for a landlord to send you a Notice to Quit or try to evict you because you are from one of the countries most affected by Covid-19 or are perceived as being from such a country.

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## **FAIR HOUSING, DISABILITY AND COVID-19**

State and federal fair housing laws prohibit discrimination based on disability. If you are infected with Covid-19, you are considered disabled under the state and federal fair housing laws and may be protected from discrimination.

- If you do not have Covid-19 but a landlord or housing provider denies you housing or shelter because they believe you have the virus, this is illegal and you should call the Commission.
- If you do not have Covid-19 but a landlord or housing provider quarantines you or imposes different rules on you because they believe you have the virus, this is illegal and you should call the Commission.

If you have been diagnosed with Covid-19 and you have been denied housing or shelter or had different rules imposed on you should contact the Commission so we can discuss and explain how the fair housing laws apply to your situation.

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