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## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: 60 DAY NOTICES

New York City has begun sending letters to families in temporary housing informing them that they will need to exit their current shelter in 60 days. If you receive one, here's what you need to know:

### WHAT ARE MY HOUSING OPTIONS?

- In New York City, you have the right to access shelter services.
- Upon receiving the 60-day notice, a case worker will assist you in creating an exit plan. You'll be encouraged to seek housing with friends, family, or other networks. The city will provide assistance if you need to relocate to another city or state.
- Families can request a "medical accommodation" to avoid relocation by providing a doctor's note documenting acute medical needs, such as serious illness, pregnancy, or a child with a disability.
- If you don't have a place to go after the 60-day period, the city must provide you with a housing placement.
  - To reapply, visit The Arrival Center at Roosevelt Hotel (45 E 45th St, New York, NY, 10017).
  - If you apply for and receive a new housing placement, it is unlikely to be in the same location as your current housing.
  - To maintain consistency in school, we encourage you to bring an index card from your current school to the Roosevelt listing the name, address, and school district number of your youngest child. Show this card to staff at the Roosevelt and request to be placed in a shelter in the borough of your current school.

### WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS FOR SENDING MY CHILDREN TO SCHOOL?

- Inform your child's current school of any moves or plans to change schools.
- Your children have the right to stay in their current school **OR** move to a school near your new housing placement.
- Free transportation is provided for all students:
  - Busing is provided for students in grades K-6. PreK children may be eligible for busing, depending on space, route, and the weight of the child.
  - Metro cards are provided to all students who don't receive busing or are in grades 6-12.
  - MetroCards are also available to parents of students in temporary housing (Pre K-6) to accompany their children to school.
- Students who qualify are entitled to uninterrupted Special Education Services:
  - If your child receives special education services and transfers to a new NYC school, the new school must provide the same services.
  - If your child is in the process of getting special education evaluations and transfers to a new NYC school, the new school must complete the evaluation process within the same timeline, unless you agree to an extension.
- Need help? Every school has a school-based Students in Temporary Housing Liaison. Reach out to your school principal, social worker, or guidance counselor to find out who the Liaison is for your school.

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- NYC Public Schools - Information for Students in Temporary Housing  
<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/school-life/special-situations/students-in-temporary-housing>
- Advocates for Children - Tip Sheet: Students in Temporary Housing  
[https://www.advocatesforchildren.org/sites/default/files/library/students\\_in\\_temporary\\_housing.pdf?pt=1](https://www.advocatesforchildren.org/sites/default/files/library/students_in_temporary_housing.pdf?pt=1)
- NYC Community School District 3 Main Office: Kamar Samuels, Superintendent; 153 W 93rd St, New York, NY 10025, 212-678-5857
- To find this information, and additional resources, in multiple languages, go to  
<https://mananaotrodia.org/resources-recursos/>

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