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### **GOVERNOR'S ORDER DEEMED REAL ESTATE AS "ESSENTIAL BUSINESS":**

**As of March 25, the Commissioner of Maine's Department of Economic and Community Development, given authority under Section V of the Executive Order, made the determination that real estate is an "essential business" and can continue with the following restrictions in place:**

- In-person open houses are prohibited
- During all interactions, CDC and the Executive Order guidelines for personal and work site safety should be followed, including: physical distancing, group size, and health and safety precautions. (see links below)
- Gatherings of more than 10 persons are prohibited

The Governor and DECD Commissioner are urging remote work to the maximum extent practicable

### **MUNICIPAL EXECUTIVE ORDERS REMINDER:**

**Please note that any local municipal orders that are more restrictive are permitted by the Governor's Executive Order. This means that if your local municipality passes an Order that has additional restrictions on business practices, then those restrictions are also enforceable and must be followed. If you are unsure, call your local town office for guidance and interpretation of their Order as it relates to your business.**

### **PLEASE UNDERSTAND:**

The Governor (and municipalities) can pull the "essential business" designation at any time. REALTORS® should act within the spirit of the Orders, or we will be in jeopardy of not

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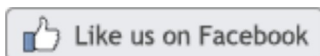
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being able to service our Maine clients and customers. Please be professional, respect all parties and partners involved in the transaction and their directives, leverage available technology, and strive to conduct your work remotely to the maximum extent practicable. We're in this together!

## **INFORM US ABOUT MUNICIPAL ORDERS:**

If your municipality enacts an Emergency Order or Proclamation, please send that information to [suzanne@mainerealtors.com](mailto:suzanne@mainerealtors.com). We are assembling a list to provide as a resource to the membership. At the current time, we are aware of existing Orders in Augusta, Bangor, Brunswick, Cape Elizabeth, Portland, and South Portland.

## **INDUSTRY PARTNERS:**

MAR encourages our Affiliate Member partners to consult with the Maine Department of Economic and Community development ([business.answers@maine.gov](mailto:business.answers@maine.gov)) and/or contact the municipality where there is an additional local Order in place regarding the interpretation of those Orders as it pertains to their business function.

## **FINANCIAL RELIEF: CARE ACT:**

The federal government's financial relief bill, the CARE Act, has been signed by the President. The National Association of REALTORS® worked tirelessly to have Independent Contractors, self-employed, and small businesses included in these financial relief programs. MAR lobbied Maine's Congressional delegation as well. MAR will communicate details regarding timing and application processes when they become available. For now, NAR has provided this terrific summary: [Click Here](#)

## **COVID-19 TAB ON MAR WEBSITE:**

MAR has assembled resources at <http://mainerealtors.com> under the COVID-19 tab across the top. Check back for updates.

## **MAINE INCOME TAX DEADLINES EXTENDED TO JULY 15:**

Deadlines to file Maine income tax payments, including any final and estimated payments, have been extended from April 15 to July 15. The Maine filing deadline for individual, corporate, and estate and trust income tax returns is automatically tied to any federal filing extension and is therefore also extended to July 15. Filing and payment deadlines for sales and use tax and for payroll tax are not affected. For more information:

[Click Here](#)

## **MAINE REALTOR® MAGAZINE:**

The spring 2020 issue of Maine REALTOR® magazine was mailed this week, and it's likely that you and your magazine may not be in the same place. [Here's the digital issue.](#)

Remember, you can share articles by clicking on the icon on the lower right of your screen.

### **RIGHT TOOLS, RIGHT NOW:**

The National Association of REALTORS® has re-launched its Right Tools, Right Now programming to assist in this time of great need. [Click here](#) to learn about no-cost or greatly reduced cost webinars to help manage your finances, education courses, and digital tools for transactions and marketing.

### **MAR STAFF IS AVAILABLE:**

To do our part to flatten the curve, the MAR staff is working remotely. We have the technology and systems in place to serve our members and we look forward to hearing from you! We are responding to phone messages and email. Please call 207-622-7501 and leave a message. All voicemail is transferred to e-mail and staff will return calls and emails during regular business hours.

For general email inquiries: [info@mainerealtors.com](mailto:info@mainerealtors.com)

### **MAINE LISTINGS NEWS:**

Click on the link below to learn about:

- Upcoming Flexmls Webinar Schedule
- Learning Center on MaineListings.com
- Flexmls Social Distancing Study Hall
- Coming Soon: Private Mode for Photos, Videos & Virtual Tours

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