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REMINDERS:

- MAR has assembled timely resources at <http://mainerealtors.com> under the COVID-19 tab across the top. Check back [here](#) regularly for updates.
- A Q & A: Real Estate Transactions in Maine and COVID-19 was updated on April 8 and can be accessed [here](#).
- Guidelines for our industry partners (lenders, title companies, appraisers, etc.) are also changing. Please ask questions, have patience, and rely on their expertise and knowledge. For example, not all appraisals can be exterior only. Remote notarizations are now allowed under limited circumstances, but a Notary cannot be required to perform remote notarization. Ask - don't assume.
- Due to the current pandemic and recent spring storms, it is a good idea to regularly check your vacant listings. Ensuring properties remain secure and free from damage is always in the best interests of you and your clients.

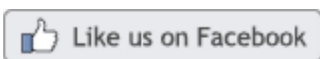
GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDERS:

To read the Governor's Executive Orders, list of Essential Business, and Guidance for Real Estate, [click here](#).

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.

PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE:



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The new Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program is complex, the eligibility guidelines are not yet established, and the Maine Department of Labor is working to implement the programs as quickly as possible. **Those who are self-employed of an Independent Contractor in Maine should wait to file a claim for benefits. Since these programs have not been implemented yet, filing at this point will only result in a denial.** We will continue to provide information as it becomes available. Program availability updates are available [here](#).

MAINE TECH HELPLINE:

Getting up to speed with remote technology solutions? As a Maine Association of REALTORS® membership benefit, REALTOR® members have access to the Maine Tech Helpline for questions about software, hardware, technology networking, and your digital devices. To check out the Maine Tech Helpline: [Click Here](#)

APRIL IS FAIR HOUSING MONTH: ARTICLE 10:

Article 10 of the NAR Code of Ethics states: Realtors® shall not deny equal professional services to any person for reasons of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, national origin, sexual orientation, or gender identity. Realtors® shall not be parties to any plan or agreement to discriminate against a person or persons on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, national origin, sexual orientation, or gender identity. (Amended 1/14)

Realtors®, in their real estate employment practices, shall not discriminate against any person or persons on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, national origin, sexual orientation, or gender identity. (Amended 1/14)

To review Article 10 and the Standards of Practice: [Click Here](#)

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:

The MAR staff is working remotely at this time. 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

MAINE LISTINGS NEWS:

Click on the link below to learn about:

- Last Call for the Realist Webinar
- Upcoming Flexmls and FOREWARN Webinar Schedule
- Upcoming ShowingTime for the MLS Webinar Schedule
- Upcoming Property Panorama Webinar Schedule
- Upcoming RPR Webinar Schedule
- April is Fair Housing Month
- New Appointment Type Added to ShowingTime

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