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IMPORTANT UPDATES:

DECD CHANGES GUIDELINES FOR REAL ESTATE AS AN ESSENTIAL BUSINESS:

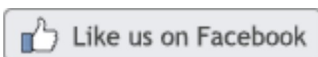
The guidelines, established by Maine's Department of Economic and Community Development, now require cloth face coverings in addition to foot coverings and gloves. All other guidelines remain unchanged. Read the updated Guidelines [here](#).

For questions to DECD regarding Essential Business or the Guidelines: business.answers@maine.gov

MREC ALLOWS CASE-BY-CASE DEFERMENT OF CE REQUIREMENT:

During the ongoing state of emergency resulting from COVID-19, real estate licensees can request a deferment of the continuing education requirement for renewal of a license due to circumstances related to the emergency. If a request is approved, the continuing education requirement will be deferred for 120 days after the COVID-19 related state of emergency is terminated, at which time you will receive further instructions. **The deferment request form must be completed and submitted prior to submitting the license renewal application.** The request will be evaluated, and you will receive notification with instructions for completing the renewal process.

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MREC EXTENDS TIMING TO COMPLETE THE SALES AGENT EXAM:

Because testing sites have been closed due to the public health emergency, the MREC is extending the deadline to complete the Sales Agent exam to 180 days after the testing sites fully re-open. Contact the MREC for additional information: restate.com@maine.gov

RESOURCES FOR SOME SBA PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN EXHAUSTED:

As of April 16, the initial appropriations for both the SBA 7(a) Paycheck Protection Program loans (PPP) and the Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) have been exhausted. **Another federal appropriation to these programs is expected.** For more information: [Click Here](#)

NAR EXTENDS DEADLINE FOR TELEHEALTH TO REALTORS® AT NO COST:

During this unprecedented time, **NAR is funding two months** of this telemedicine benefit for members in need, to help provide some relief related to healthcare. REALTOR® members, and their families can access professional medical advice from the comfort of home, 24/7/365. U.S. board-certified physicians are specially trained to treat non-emergency medical issues via phone, tablet, or computer. Stay safe. Stay home. Members TeleHealth helps you do that. To take advantage of this program offer: [Click Here](#)

Text COVID19 TO 30644 for a link to NAR'S Coronavirus Resources

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

THINKING OF YOU:

We miss seeing you in-person! In these unsettled times, we remind you to take good care of yourselves and your loved ones. Wishing you a pleasant weekend!