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Dear Members

We would like to take this opportunity to advise members of recent amendments to NBREA's property showing acknowledgement forms and to remind members of the requirement to implement their own written operational plans.

**Property Showing Acknowledgement Forms.**

On July 3, 2020, residents of the Atlantic Provinces (NB, NS, PEI, NFLD) were permitted to cross these interprovincial borders and travel within the four provinces without the requirement to self-isolate for fourteen (14) days provided they meet the following criteria:

- Have not traveled outside of the Atlantic provinces for any reason, including work or personal travel in the past fourteen (14) days.
- Have not been advised to self-isolate.
- Are not awaiting results of a COVID-19 test.
- Are not experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19.

This Atlantic bubble had a positive impact to New Brunswick REALTORS® who are now permitted to show homes to any resident of these four provinces without first requiring the buyer to self-isolate for fourteen (14) days. **Residents from any other Canadian province (who are not part of the Atlantic bubble) entering New Brunswick are still required to self-isolate for fourteen (14) days prior to attending a showing of any home within New Brunswick.**

We have updated the Buyer Property Showing Acknowledgement form and the Seller Property Showing Acknowledgement form to reflect changes resulting from the opening of the Atlantic bubble and current provincial recommended screening questions. See highlighted changes in blue below:

- 1) Do you have any of the following symptoms: fever/feverish, new or existing cough/sore throat, runny nose, headache, or difficulty breathing, new onset fatigue or muscle ache, diarrhea, loss of taste or smell?
- 2) Have you traveled outside of *the province of New Brunswick approved travel bubble areas* within the last 14 days?
- 3) Have you had close contact *within the last 14 days* with a confirmed case of COVID-19 or a *person being tested for COVID-19*?





*4) Have you been diagnosed with COVID-19 or are waiting to hear the results of a lab test for COVID-19.?*

*5) Have you been told by public health that you may have been exposed to COVID-19.*

**These new revised forms will be available on CREA's WEBForms® within the next 48 hours.**

For those REALTORS® that are utilizing NBREA's forms, we request you begin using these new forms as soon as they are available and discontinue utilizing the previous versions. For REALTORS® that are utilizing their own versions of property showing forms, we encourage you to review your forms to ensure they contain the most up-to-date screening questions and reflect changes resulting from the implementation of the Atlantic bubble.

### **Operational Plans**

We would like to remind members that it is a **requirement** in the Province of New Brunswick's Mandatory Order to comply with guidelines of WorkSafe NB and the Chief Medical Officer of Health. This includes each agent and REALTOR® having a **written** Operational Plan. REALTORS® may follow the operational plan of their representative agent. **In addition, REALTORS® must have a copy of this operational plan (either hard copy or electronic) on them at all times when conducting business.**

Failure to comply with the above may result in **consequences**. These may include fines imposed by the province in amounts ranging from \$240 plus surcharges and fees to \$10,200 plus surcharges and fees. In addition, there could be professional misconduct consequences as well as damage to the overall profession of REALTORS®.

The NBREA has issued an Operational Plan Guideline document available at [www.nbrea.ca](http://www.nbrea.ca) which may help you prepare your own operational plan.

**If you have not yet completed your own written operational plan, NBREA strongly recommends you prepare one as soon as possible.**

Thank you.

