

Hello Members

As many of you are aware, the Province of New Brunswick has announced that it has moved into the yellow phase of recovery. As of Friday May 22, 2020 the following changes are taking effect:

- New Brunswickers can extend their two-household bubbles and can spend time with family and friends outside their bubbles. The Province is recommending indoor gatherings be limited to 10 people or fewer.
- Non-regulated health care professionals including acupuncture and naturopath businesses can reopen.
- Barbers, hair stylists, estheticians, tattoo artists and spas can reopen their businesses.

Next Friday May 29, 2020 will see additional restrictions lifted.

On May 21, 2020, NBREA circulated its COVID-19 **Operational Plan Guidelines** which are intended to help agents (firms) prepare their own Operational Plans. Moving to the yellow phase does not change this requirement nor does it have any significant impact to REALTORS® when compared to how REALTORS® should have been conducting their services while in the orange phase of recovery.

We would like to confirm that while the Province of New Brunswick has moved into the yellow phase of recovery, individuals from out of province that are interested in relocating to New Brunswick permanently, must continue to follow the guidance of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, which requires self-isolation for 14 days. NBREA has also had discussions with government officials on this issue and have received confirmation that all out of province potential buyers must self-isolate for 14 days prior to attending any in-person home showings.

We would like to point out that the four measures from the May 14, 2020 Mandatory Order that were listed in the Operational Plan Guidelines document should be replaced by the following measures which may impact agents (firms) and REALTORS®

- *Every business proprietor, every employer and everyone who own or occupies land or buildings must take all reasonable steps to ensure the safety of employees, patrons and visitors from COVID-19 infection, in compliance with guidelines from WorkSafe New Brunswick and/or the Chief Medical Officer of Health. This includes government entities, charities and not-for-profit entities as well as for-profit businesses.*
- *Everyone who finds themselves in any location, other than their own home, in which distancing as per this Order is not possible, must either remove themselves promptly from the location or must wear a face covering that covers their mouth and nose. This does not apply to children under two years of age, not to children of any age at licensed early education and childcare facilities. The Chief Medical Officer of Health may exempt from*

*the application of this paragraph other classes of person who are unable to wear a mask or face covering.*

- *Every peace officer in the execution of their lawful duties, every occupational health and safety officer appointed under the Occupational Health and Safety Act and every inspector appointed under the Public Health Act is authorized to enter and inspect any premises to ensure compliance with this order and authorized to serve on any person found not in compliance with this Order and Order to comply.*

We will make these changes and upload a new version of the Guidelines document very soon.

During the press conference held on Friday May 22, 2020, Dr Jennifer Russell, Chief Medical Officer of Health stated: “ *Your actions will save lives.* ” Please keep this in mind as you prepare your own operational plans.

Thank you