

Dear Members:

1. **Conducting Business in and Travel to/from an Orange Zone**

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The Province of New Brunswick recently announced that Zones 1 (Moncton region) and Zone 5 (Campbellton region) have transitioned back to the orange phase of recovery. Please refer to the [Province of NB press release dated October 9th](#) outlining the measures as it relates to rules in the orange zones. Orange level rules can also be found in the following [link](#)

The province of New Brunswick has prepared a dashboard which outlines the borders of each respective health zones. Please review these [maps](#) to determine what zone you are in or if your business would bring you or your clients into another zone.

We would also like to inform REALTORS® that travel from an orange zone to a yellow zone should be limited to essential or emergency reasons only.

Anyone who travels from a yellow zone into an orange zone, must observe the requirements of the orange zone while you are there as well as when you return to a yellow zone for a period of 14 days. The orange zone requirements which must be followed can be found in the following [link](#).

The above travel guidance was announced in a [press release on October 11, 2020](#) in the context of Thanksgiving travel and travel for hunting and fishing; however, the general guidelines can be extended to include travel between orange and yellow zones for any reason.

For REALTORS® conducting business in an orange zone, we suggest you consider minimizing contact with clients to the extent possible by implementing the following measures:

- Consider utilizing virtual tools such as video technology for showings, meeting with clients virtually, utilize e-signature applications.
- When conducting in-person showings, consider limiting the number of people who attend the showing and restrict showings to serious buyers only.
- Maintain physical distancing of 2 meters (6 feet) unless they are part of a two-household bubble.

- All persons attending a showing **MUST** wear a non-medical mask.
- REALTORS® **MUST** obtain and confirm with other parties that they have the executed and up-to-date property showing acknowledgement forms for their respective clients on file.

NBREA also reminds all Agents and REALTORS® that they should review, and if applicable, update their operational plans in light of these new recent announcements. This is particularly relevant for Agents and REALTORS® operating in an orange zone.

2. **Mandatory Masks**

We would also like to remind members that masks are now mandatory in all public indoor spaces. The masks should cover the mouth and nose at all times except when eating or drinking. In addition, masks are mandatory in both indoor and outdoor public spaces for zones in the orange phase of recovery.

According to the mandatory order dated October 11, 2020, *“A public indoor space is an indoor space in which proprietors and/or employees interact with patrons, customers, clients or the general public including gathering places, places of business that admit customers or patrons, places of worship and modes of public transportation.”*

It is vitally important that REALTORS® and their clients all wear non-medical masks when attending any property showings.

Because REALTORS® meet and interact with clients in homes during property showings, NBREA takes the position that for the duration of the showing, the property would meet the definition of a public indoor space despite the fact that it may take place within a private dwelling.

While workplaces are not included in the definition of public indoor space, the mandatory order **DOES** require employees to wear a face covering when working closer than 2 meters of each other or when accessing common areas of the workplace such as lobbies, hallways, washrooms, stairwells, and elevators. Non-medical masks are **not** required in offices in which a person works alone or in indoor work sites where employees are separated by a physical barrier.

An outdoor location is any “outdoor locations where the public is welcomed to congregate, whether free or for a fee. This includes streets, sidewalks, gathering squares, parks, playgrounds, markets, festival sites, dog parks and walking trails.”

A mask is not required to be worn in your own yard, nor is it required while walking, jogging, running, cycling or at rest alone or when you are with a person within your 2 household bubble and you are unlikely to encounter other people outside your 2 household bubble.

3. **Self-Isolation**

It is important for REALTORS® to be aware of the strict requirements for those who are self-isolating as you may need to inform clients of these requirements. This is particularly true for clients who may be moving into New Brunswick from outside the Atlantic bubble. Knowing the requirements for self-isolation can help your clients properly plan and avoid any unnecessary or unexpected surprises. We are attaching links to these resources prepared by the Province of New Brunswick.

[How to Self-Isolate](#)

[Self-Isolation Guidance for asymptomatic individuals](#)

4. **Other**

We ask that all REALTORS® please continue to be vigilant by following all public health guidelines including:

- wash your hands regularly.
- maintain physical distancing (2 meters or 6 feet apart).
- wear non-medical masks.
- complete COVID-19 screening.
- Regularly clean and disinfect high touch areas.
- consistently carrying out all the actions outlined in your up-to-date operational plan and keep a copy with you at all times (electronic or hard copy).
- Stay home if you are sick. If you have COVID-19 symptoms, please use the self-assessment tool available on-line to determine if you should be tested for COVID-19. [Self-Assessment Tool](#).
- **Download the Covid Alert App [Covid Alert App](#).**