

## Dear Members:

The Province of New Brunswick recently announced that effective 12:00 am January 6, 2021, the entire province has transitioned back to the orange phase of recovery. The most up-to-date orange level rules can also be found in the following <u>link</u>. You may also wish to refer to this new <u>recovery level comparison</u>.

**REALTORS®** and agent (firms) may continue to operate under their current up-to-date operational plans while in the orange phase. According to the current Mandatory Order, real estate is considered an essential service and those providing real estate services have an added level of legal protection **PROVIDED** they are conducting their essential services in accordance with all applicable emergency and public health guidance (see Article 26).

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).
- All persons attending a showing <u>MUST</u> wear a non-medical mask both inside and outside during the showing.
- REALTORS® <u>MUST</u> 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.
- Retain proper contact tracing information.

## Travel information & Moving to NB.

While in the orange phase, travel within the province should be limited to essential purposes only. Travel may still occur for work, school, essential errands and medical appointments.

We would also like to remind members that any non-NB resident may enter New Brunswick for purposes of attending showings or inspections of a property or for purposes of moving to New Brunswick PROVIDED they first self-isolate in one location for fourteen (14) days. This <u>letter</u> <u>outlines the documentation</u> that each individual traveling to New Brunswick requires in order to enter the province for this purpose. Registration for travel into New Brunswick, including New Brunswickers returning home from travel, is also now mandatory. Travellers must register at www.qnb.ca/travelregistration. Failure to register can result in penalties.

NBREA also reminds all Agents and REALTORS® that they should review, and if applicable, update their operational plans. Peace officers are distributing fines and closing down businesses that do not have an operational plan and who are not complying with the current Mandatory Order (click for link).

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

- stay home if you are sick.
- 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.
- retain proper contact tracing information.
- 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).
- If you have COVID-19 symptoms, even if those symptoms are mild, please use the self-assessment tool available on-line to determine if you should be tested for COVID-19. Self-Assessment Tool; and
- Download the COVID-19 Alert App Covid Alert App.

Thank you