COVID-19 Update – New Measures and Circuit Breaker for some zones

Dear Members:

Due to the current level of COVID–19 hospitalizations, The Province of NB recently announced that effective 6:00pm on Friday October 8, 2021, new measures will be implemented in the Province of New Brunswick.   A copy of the provincial press release can be accessed by clicking this link.

Vaccinations
If you have not already done so, **NBREA is strongly urging all REALTORS® to get fully vaccinated against COVID-19**, unless you have a medical exemption. This is one of the key actions you can take to protect your health, the health of your colleagues, your clients and all New Brunswickers.

For information on how to access vaccinations, please click this link.

Thanksgiving weekend
All New Brunswickers must limit their contacts to their single household from Friday October 8, 2021 at 6pm until Monday October 11 at 11:59pm.

Individuals who show proof of full vaccination and a government-issued ID can continue to visit businesses, entertainment venues and events.

Circuit Breaker Areas
In areas with high transmission, a circuit breaker will be in place for at least 14 days beginning Friday October 8, 2021 at 6pm. These areas include certain areas within Zones 1 (Moncton region up to and including Sainte-Anne-de-Kent), certain areas of Zone 3 (Fredericton region – north of and including Florenceville-Bristol) and all of Zone 4 (Edumndston region). A map of those impacted by the circuit breaker can be found by clicking on the this link Maps .

Meaures in effect for these areas subject to the circuit breaker include:
- Travel to or from circuit breaker regions is restricted, except those who must travel for essential reasons, **including work**, health services, child custody, childcare or post-secondary education or travel to events where proof of vaccination is required. **REALTORS® working in or near these zones should consider whether their travel into/out of circuit breaker areas is essential to the completion of a transaction. As a best practice, consider the use of virtual tools as an alternative prior to embarking on travel to/from these zones.**
- Limit your contacts to your single household
- No private indoor or outdoor gatherings.
- Schools will remain open. Sports and extracurricular will be paused for those 12 and under. No spectators are permitted for any school sports or extra-curricular activities within impacted areas.

- Businesses, entertainment centres and events may remain open and must follow meaures outlined in the [Mandatory Order.](#)

State of Emergency & Mandatory Order

Please click the following link to access the current [State of Emergency and Mandatory Order.](#) It is NBREA's expectation that this will be updated on Friday October 8, 2021 to reflect new measures recently announced including which businesses are required to verify proof of full vaccination. Other businesses (not specifically identified in the Mandatory Order), including Agent (firms) may choose to include proof of vaccinations as part of their own Operational Plans/CDPP Plans.

Operational Plans/CDPP Plans

We would like to remind all REALTORS® and Agents (firms) as employers, of the requirement to comply with the Occupational Health and Safety Act. This includes prevention efforts to eliminate or minimize the risk of transmission of communicable diseases in your workplace. **Agents (firms) that have not already done so may wish to reinstate their COVID-19 Operational Plan or implement a Communicable Disease Prevention Plan (CDPP) outlining procedures for how your business wishes to limit the spread of COVID-19.** For more details on what to include in your Operational Plan or CDPP please refer a previous [NBREA dispatch (click link)](#)

Remember, the best way to protect you and your clients from COVID-19 is to get vaccinated, wear masks, physically distance, wash your hands frequently, limit your contacts and stay home if you are sick.

Thank you for doing your part to protect your clients, your fellow REALTORS® and all New Brunswickers!