

COVID-19 Update – Showlog application, open houses, booster vaccinations eligibility, COVID-19 testing, REALTOR® EAP program, contact tracing & isolation requirements and other information.

Dear Members:

We would like to thank all REALTORS® for their ongoing leadership in helping to protect clients, the public, and fellow colleagues from contracting or spreading COVID-19. **The professionalism you have shown throughout the pandemic is valued and appreciated and reflects positively on our entire industry.**

As many of you are now aware, Omicron cases are soaring, and the current numbers reported daily by the province are no longer an accurate reflection of the actual number of COVID-19 cases circulating in our communities. REALTORS® must continue to be vigilant and follow their operational/communicable disease prevention plans.

Booster Shots & Vaccine recommendation

NBREA strongly urges all REALTORS® to get fully vaccinated against COVID-19 unless you have a medical exemption. Effective January 10, 2022, all individuals 18 and older can book an appointment for a booster dose if at least 5 months have passed since their second dose. For more information on vaccines please click on the following link:

[NB Information on COVID-19 vaccines](#)

Testing for COVID-19 in NB

The province recently changed its approach to testing for COVID-19 such that PCR tests are now reserved for those most vulnerable including those over 50 years of age or under 2 years of age, immunocompromised individuals, pregnant individuals, those who need a test for travel, or for individuals who live or work in a hospital setting, long-term care facility, correctional facility, shelter or are precariously housed. Those who do not fall in these categories will be provided a POCT (rapid test). A positive POCT will be considered a positive case of COVID-19 and the province is requesting these results be self-reported online to assist them in understanding the level of circulation of COVID-19 in the province. For more information on COVID-19 testing (including how to access a test or self-report a positive POCT), please click on the following link:

[Information on testing for COVID-19 in NB](#)

NBREA Member and Family Assistance Program (MFAP)

In response to the added stress that this pandemic is placing on our members, NBREA recently implemented an assistance program to help REALTORS® and their immediate families with

various topics including mental health, wellness and nutrition. To learn more or to access this program please click on the following link or call **1-800-663-1142**

NBREA EAP Program: https://www.nbrea.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/HH_MFAP-OV-INDIVIDUALS_EN_i-volve_0620.pdf (Will link this up prettier in the dispatch)

Open houses

As COVID-19 cases continue to rise across the province, **NBREA is again recommending that all in-person open houses should be temporarily suspended** and instead any open houses should be conducted using virtual tools. By temporarily avoiding in-person open houses, we will reduce the risk of further spreading COVID-19 to our clients, colleagues and the general public. In addition, it reduces the risk of potential damage to the overall public image and **reputation of New Brunswick REALTORS[®], the agent (firm) and individual REALTORS[®].** (Mentioning REALTORS twice here feels odd)

Contact Tracing

As we indicated in a recent dispatch issued on December 23, **except in rare circumstances, the responsibility for notifying close contacts of a positive case of COVID-19 now falls to the individual who has tested positive.** If a REALTOR[®] or agent (firm) chooses to help with contact tracing for a third party, it is important to consider the privacy of all individuals involved. As a best practice, the REALTOR[®] or agent(firm) may want to obtain specific and clear written authorization from the individual who tested positive about what information they can communicate and to whom. For more information on contact tracing, please click on the following link:

[Information about Contact Tracing](#)

Isolation Requirements

Provincial **isolation requirements** have been reduced and the amount of time a positive person or a member of their household should isolate will depend on various factors including their vaccination status and current symptoms. For more information on isolation requirements, please click on the following link:

[Information about Isolation Requirements \(when and how long\)](#)

Showlog – A good tool for contact tracing

One useful tool for contact tracing is NBREA's Showlog web application <https://app.showlog.ca/home>. This is a very useful tool for REALTORS[®] to keep track of all their professional contacts for showings (both Buyers and Sellers). For those who are not currently using this application and wish to learn more, you can access the user manual and training video in the following links.

[Click here to access the user manual](#)

[Click here to access a video that will show you how this web application works](#)

Key Reminders:

- Get vaccinated from COVID-19 (including the booster shot).
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Wear masks - Consider wearing N95 masks or double masking for extra protection.
- Maintain physical distance (2 meters or 6 feet apart).
- Wash your hands frequently.
- Limit your in-person contacts.
- Clean and disinfect high-touch areas frequently.
- Retain contact tracing information

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

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