



NBREA Recommends all Face-to-Face Real Estate Activity be Discontinued as State of Emergency has been declared by the Province of NB

MARCH 19, 2020 -- The New Brunswick Real Estate Association (NBREA) recognizes that housing is an essential and basic need. However, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the health and safety of New Brunswickers is our absolute priority. For the past several days, the Association and local real estate Boards have encouraged our member companies, managers, and salespeople to carefully consider government recommendations with respect to social distancing in making decisions about whether or not to continue open houses and showing appointments. Despite these warnings, our members continue to receive requests for listing and showing appointments.

We understand that certain urgent circumstances of home buyers and sellers might make it difficult for them to completely discontinue these activities altogether; however, for the safety of the public and our members, **NBREA's position is that all face-to-face real estate activities be discontinued.** We urge the public and our members to make full use of creative and technological ways to conduct their businesses, such as virtual showings, video conference calls, and digital signing applications.

NBREA recognizes that continuing or discontinuing face-to-face services is a decision between a client and his or her real estate company. We urge companies and their clients to carefully consider the government's declaration of a state of emergency in making these decisions, and to place personal health and safety above all else. Let's all work together to #flattenthecurve.

For the latest information about COVID-19, please click on the following links:

<https://nbrea.ca/covid-19-updates-and-resources/>

https://www2.gnb.ca/content/gnb/en/news/news_release.2020.03.0139.html

