



SPECIAL ADVISORY TO ALL NEW HAMPSHIRE REALTORS®

'Essential Service' conditions include NO OPEN HOUSES

The Emergency Order issued by Governor Sununu listed real estate transactions as an essential service, under the following conditions:

Real Estate Transactions/Agents/Brokers

- **Open houses are not permitted.**
- Meetings between brokers/agents and clients (or prospective clients) cannot take place at a real estate brokerages' physical office but may take place with social distancing or remotely by phone, video or other electronic means.
- Showings of homes or other properties may take place by appointment and with appropriate social distancing measures.
- Real estate closings can continue, either through remote means or with social distancing for any in-person transactions.
- Property inspections and appraisals may continue with appropriate social distancing.

The order prohibits open houses. **This includes broker open houses.** Please adhere to the order while we all work together in the best interests of our state, our community, and each other.

Attorney General Guidance on failure to adhere to Executive Order

- Violation of the Executive Order can result in a misdemeanor (RSA 21-P:47)
- Potential violation of disorderly conduct statute; creating hazard to oneself or another in a public place (RSA 644:2).
- Businesses can be Fined of up to \$20,000 if found guilty of a misdemeanor.

In addition, the Governor has indicated that his office, as well as the Department of Business and Economic Affairs, will be monitoring the situation and will amend the list of essential businesses if there is a failure to comply with the Executive Order.

Above all else, our goal must be to protect the health and well-being of our citizens.