

April 9, 2020



Dear Rep. Dylan Roberts, and Sen. Kerry Donovan,

We need your help to get clarification from the governor's office regarding the Third Updated Public Health Order 20-24 that was issued on April 6 in conjunction with the Stay at Home order (**Executive Order D 2020 017**). It does not consider in-person showings and open houses to be a critical business/service for real estate. According to the Attorney General's office, only real estate transactions that transfer real property ownership (closings) are permissible.

Yesterday during the press conference held by Governor Polis at about the 44-minute mark stated comments that contradict the updates stated above, and we need further clarifications for our members of the Vail Board of Realtors®. Unfortunately, the unintended consequences of this will harm both Buyers and Sellers, creating additional hardships for the families in our community that is already struggling. Allowing our Real Estate Members to continue to help our community will provide immediate help to the public as well as position our county with the tools necessary to rebuild our economy. Real estate transactions, inspections, showings, appraisals, and closing can be accomplished safely and in compliance with the Social Distancing Requirements set forth in the Third Updated Public Health Order 20-24.

We are respectfully requesting that real estate-related services be clarified to benefit the current and future homeowners to include any critical aspect of the real estate transaction such as property inspection, photography (for virtual marketing), contractor work, appraisals, final walkthroughs, and showings if they can be done in a manner that would not violate the social distancing precautions under the shelter in place requirements recently extended to April 26.

Thank you for the work you do in our community.

Sincerely,

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Vail Board of Realtors Chair

*Alex Griffin*  
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