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## Your REALTOR® Voice Has Been Heard

Today, Governor Polis and the Department of Public Health and Environment has released an updated public health order in accordance with yesterday's executive order implementing a statewide stay-at-home order, in effect from March 26 through April 11, 2020.

**The public health order was updated to include a number of critical services that includes Professional Services, such as legal, title companies, or accounting services, real estate appraisals and transactions.**

This new update does include Real Estate as an "critical business" under Colorado's Stay-at-Home Order. This revision is a direct result of CAR's regular communication with the Governor and his staff, including appeals to the Governor to consider inclusion of real estate as an essential service during this period.

Despite this revision, we want all Colorado REALTORS® to understand that with great power comes great responsibility. It is CAR's perspective that this revision does not reflect "business as usual" for real estate in Colorado. The COVID-19 crisis and the drastic changes to our everyday lives that we are all experiencing must be taken extremely seriously and ALL Colorado REALTORS® should take extreme precautions whenever executing any part of their business. State and local mandates are a reflection of the incredibly serious nature of the global health risk and we have a responsibility to protect the public, our clients, and business associates.

All services included in the public health order are subject to social distancing requirements and are still encouraged to implement telework options and staggered schedules when possible. Read the updated order [here](#).

Our commitment is to continue, as we have for decades, to be a part of the solution for our clients and our communities – limiting exposure, risk and helping to save lives through our actions.

Some additional recommendations:

- Implement the new COVID-19 Addendum on all current real estate transactions by checking BOTH boxes. [Access the Covid-19 Addendum Here.](#)
- Contact clients to inform them of what they can expect during this period.
- Focus on organizing your business and checking in on the health and wellness of your clients.
- Contact your professional service providers to see what changes they have made due to the Coronavirus.
- If you are encountering or are anticipating personal hardship go to your county websites and contact your mortgage company to see what tools and resources, they have to assist you at this time.
- Follow COVID19 stay at home orders and safety guidelines.
- Help others- volunteer in your community according to the COVID19 guidelines