

# What You can do NOW to Keep your Dream of Homeownership moving Forward



While the coronavirus may have many of us sidelined from our usual activities, you don't have to press pause on your real estate plans just because you're staying home.

Here are four things you can do right now to keep your home search on track, so you're ready to go with this health crisis subsides.

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## Get Pre-Approved

Pre-approval for a mortgage will give you a better understanding of what you can afford, and it shows you're a serious buyer. Gather the necessary documents including your income verification, credit history, and asset documentation and reach out to a local lender for assistance.

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## Virtually Connect with an Agent

Now, more than ever, it's important to work with a trusted real estate advisor, so you are positioned to move quickly when it's time. Chat by phone or video with a real estate professional to understand how to navigate the changing dynamics of today's market. Outline what you are looking for, and ideal timeline and create a game plan now so you don't bring your plans to a standstill.

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## Do Your Research

This is a great time to investigate down payment assistance programs in your area, especially if you may benefit from a low payment option when you make your home purchase.

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## View Listings Online

You may not want to check out homes for sale in person right now, but you can still look online for what's available in your area. All homes are currently required to provide virtual tours for listings and your agent can FaceTime you from properties to help identify spaces that could work for you. It is a great time to take note of your favorite must-haves and nice-to-haves in a potential home.

Don't put your dreams on hold. This may still be your year to buy a home, and your trusted real estate advisor is here to help you through the journey.

