

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - MAINE

Note: Official Guidelines and FAQs may be found here: www.mainerealtors.com/covid-19-resources/

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IN PERSON MEETINGS ARE STRONGLY DISCOURAGED AND ALL MEETINGS SHOULD BE HELD BY TELEPHONE OR ELECTRONICALLY TO AVOID IN-PERSON MEETINGS WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

CAN I GO ON A LISTING APPOINTMENT?

You may physically go on a listing appointment and here is what that might look like:

- Have the in-depth conversation on the phone with the Seller.
- Walk through the property to perform the CMA.
- Make sure you follow all safety protocol with gloves and masks. Proper social distancing must be maintained but you may go in the property.
- All listing paperwork should be performed remotely.

HOW DO I CONDUCT MEETINGS?

- It is recommended the meetings take place remotely by phone, video or other electronic means.
- In-person meetings between brokers/agents and clients (or prospective clients) can take place at a real estate brokerages' physical offices but must observe social distancing protocols.

HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE ALLOWED AT A MEETING?

• Only decision makers.

ARE IN-PERSON OPEN HOUSES ALLOWED?

 The DECD guidelines strongly discourage inperson open houses at this time.

ARE MASKS REQUIRED WHEN CONDUCTING RE BUSINESS?

Yes

HOW ARE INSPECTIONS CONDUCTED?

 Inspections will be completed by the building inspector only. Building inspectors will wear cloth face covering, foot coverings, and gloves when entering the properties

HOW CAN I DO SHOWINGS?

- Agents and buyers narrow down houses to a few to view in person
- Real estate agent goes to the property and uses technology to "live stream" out to the buyer.
- Real estate agent to wear a cloth face covering and foot coverings when entering the properties.
- Buyer selects one house and then can do a walk thru with the approval of the seller. Buyer and Real Estate Agent wear masks and gloves while doing walk through.
- Purchase and sale to be done electronically.

HOW DO I DEAL WITH A BUYER COMING FROM OUT OF STATE FOR A SHOWING?

 Refer out-of-state travelers to the Keep Maine Healthy website:

www.maine.gov/covid19/restartingmaine/kee pmainehealthy/faqs

HOW ARE APPRAISALS CONDUCTED?

 Appraisers use all efforts to not enter the home. If necessary, appraiser to wear masks and gloves

WHAT ARE THE CLOSING PROCEDURES?

 Real estate closings may continue, either through remote means or with social distancing and masks for any in-person transactions.

IS REMOTE NOTARIZATION AVAILABLE?