

The Michigan DHHS has lifted all COVID emergency orders effective bright and early this morning - June 22, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. Prior to that, the DHHS had already lifted all COVID restrictions in residential settings as well as outdoors.

Covid Forms

We continue to hear from members regarding use of the Covid forms and seller/buyer expectations. Sellers can, of course, condition showings of the home on the wearing of masks or any other health safety measure. While Realtors® should directly address any concerns of a particular buyer or seller, Realtor® firms may wish to revisit any policies requiring written releases from sellers and buyers in connection with all showings/open houses. While at one time there was a huge concern with buyers and sellers touching the same hard surfaces at different times, the CDC and others in the scientific community have now opined that transmission through surfaces is not thought to be a common way that COVID-19 spreads. It is also the case that releases are not being routinely required for other types of gatherings, even large, crowded gatherings.

Workplace and Gatherings

MIOSHA plans to issue a new order today regarding workforce rules. So while open houses and membership meetings are no longer subject to government restrictions, there are likely to be workplace rules. I'll send something out this after we review it for impact.