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1. Michigan Realtors® Develops “COVID-19 Office Preparedness Toolkit”

One of the requirements for offices of all types that open back up is that each office develop its own COVID-19 preparedness and response plan. In an effort to help local associations and brokerages prepare for a return to the office, Michigan Realtors® has prepared a sample toolkit that you may use to develop your own preparedness and response plan. The goal of this resource is to provide brokerages and associations with the compliance tools required under the Governor’s workplace rules contained in [Executive Order 2020-97](#). The Order requires written policies that must be put in place, day-to-day safety measures, as well as procedures to be followed in the event of possible COVID-19 exposure. We had previously provided Realtors® with a summary of these rules. (Available [here](#).) This new toolkit will give offices a user-friendly template to personalize.

As we move from remote workspaces back to more traditional office arrangements, meaningful and consistent implementation will be important. If your office is contemplating opening up to Realtors®, employees, and members of the public, please utilize the toolkit to start off on the right foot.

Toolkit includes:

1. COVID-19 Preparedness Plan
2. COVID-19 Licensee-Employee Questionnaire
3. COVID-19 Visitor Questionnaire

[Download Toolkit here](#)

Updates and business resources

2. Realtor® Relief Funds Available for Those Displaced by Mid-Michigan Flooding



Michigan Realtors®, with assistance from the National Association of Realtors®, is happy to announce a program to provide housing relief assistance for qualified applicants of Arenac, Midland, Saginaw, Gladwin, and Iosco Counties in Michigan. These funds are in response to the unprecedented Mid-Michigan dam breaches on May 19, 2020.

Thousands of Michiganders have been forced out of their homes and have seen their communities dismantled. Michigan Realtors® has worked quickly to provide relief to those who need assistance with their mortgage payment or monthly rent due to displacement from their home as a result of this disaster.

This relief will be good for a one-time payment of up to \$1,000 per household. The deadline to apply is August 1, 2020.

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3. Michigan Realtors® Good Neighbor Award Announced



We are pleased to announce the first ever Michigan Realtors® Good Neighbor Award which has been modeled after the National Association of Realtors® Good Neighbor Award. This award recognizes Realtors® who make extraordinary commitments to improving the quality of life in their communities. This is a great opportunity to nominate yourself or another member for their selfless work to better their community.

The award winner will be recognized during the 2020 Michigan Realtors® Convention and will receive a \$2,500 grant toward the 501(C)(3) that they are affiliated with for the purpose of this award. The nomination deadline is August 1, 2020.



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Francis

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4. New FAQs Under Executive Order 2020-110

Earlier this week we reported that [Executive Order 2020-110](#) removes most of the restrictions that real estate brokerages and clients have been operating under. Over the last two days, we have been fielding a few recurring questions. We have developed responses to those inquiries below:

QUESTION: Does the Governor's latest executive order limit the number of persons that may be in an open house at any one time?

ANSWER: No. The Governor's order limits "indoor social gatherings" to 10 people; however, an open house is not a social gathering. Realtors® should limit the number of persons in attendance as necessary to enable attendees to maintain proper social distancing. (In many cases, 10 people may be too many.)

QUESTION: Are short-term rentals still limited to health care professionals aiding in the response to the COVID-19 pandemic?

ANSWER: No. Short-term rentals are no longer regulated as part of the Governor's response to COVID-19. Of course, all of the pre-pandemic local regulatory requirements still apply.

QUESTION: Does the 4-person limitation on in-person showings still apply?

ANSWER: No. The rule requiring appointments and the 4-person in attendance limitation are no longer in effect.

QUESTION: Can I evict my tenants who haven't paid rent?

ANSWER: No. The current moratorium on evictions does not expire until June 12, 2020.

5. College Scholarships Available For 2020-2021 Cycle

Michigan Realtors® is proud to offer scholarship opportunities for those interested in pursuing a career in real estate. The application deadline for the 2020/2021 academic year is July 31st.

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6. Michigan Realtors® and the National Association of Realtors® voice support for equality.



Michigan Realtors® added its voice to the cause for individual liberty and equality under the law this week, symbolized by our state silhouette and “Equality Lives Here” as a visual for members to utilize in their social media and e-mails. Inspired as repudiation of the racial injustice and cold malice captured on camera with the murder of George Floyd, this symbolizes the spirit of our Code of Ethics and the principles of our great nation.

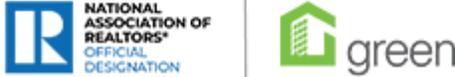
Like many Realtor® associations around the country, your Michigan Realtors® Leadership Team felt a moral imperative to raise our collective voice for equality. As Realtors®, our mission is to foster fair and equal treatment of all people -- and we recognize that there is still more to be done.

The visual can be downloaded [here](#).

NAR 2020 President Vince Malta also released a thoughtful statement that well reflects the Realtor® belief that we must never stop striving for inclusivity. You can view President Malta’s statement [here](#).



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