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1. A Message from 2020 Michigan Realtors® President, Maureen Francis

ASSOCIATION UPDATE WITH MAUREEN FRANCIS

2020 MICHIGAN REALTORS® PRESIDENT



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2. Watch Letter of The Law: Safely Reopening Real Estate



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Letter of The Law

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Updated Resources for You and Your Clients

Your Michigan Realtors® legal team has been updating and developing relevant FAQs to support you and your clients. For ease of reference, the FAQs are broken up into three different documents.

1. For questions specific to **Residential Real Estate**, please visit:
<https://www.mirealtors.com/Portals/0/Documents/toolkitFAQs20.pdf>
2. For questions specific to the newly created **Forms and the "Safely Reopening Real Estate Toolkit,"** please visit:
<https://www.mirealtors.com/Portals/0/Documents/formsfaq20.pdf>
3. For questions specific to **Commercial Real Estate**, please visit:
<https://www.mirealtors.com/Portals/0/Documents/commercialfaw20.pdf>

If you have any questions centered on the above materials, please contact Brian Westrin at bwestrin@mirealtors.com.

3. Executive Order Reauthorizes Expanded Michigan's Electronic and Remote Notary Law

Governor Whitmer signed Executive Order 74 continuing to allow expanded access to on-line and electronic notarization until June 30th. The original Executive Order was set to expire at 11:59pm on May 6th.

In 2018, Michigan Realtors® worked with a stakeholder group of bankers, credit unions, title companies, mortgage lenders, and attorneys to pass Michigan's Remote and electronic notary law. Over the last several months the Michigan Secretary of State's office has worked to develop standards to implement the law. With the 2018 law still in its infancy, the industry and register of deeds offices are still building capacity to handle remote and electronic notarial acts – which has meant limited access to these services.

While the Executive Order does not mandate the use of remote and electronic notarization, it does provide a process for parties to the document, and the notary, to use during this state of emergency. In addition, the Executive Order takes the important step in allowing registers of deeds to record tangible copies of these documents.

4. Q&A Session with Unemployment Insurance Agency Director Steve Gray

On May 7, 2020, UIA Director Steve Gray held a live Q&A which addressed viewer questions related to unemployment benefits. Two Realtor®-specific questions were asked during the Q&A. The questions and answers are available below.

Click [here](#) to view the full Q&A.

Question 1: I have applied for PUA and started receiving unemployment benefits. Does the Governor's Order allowing some real estate activity to resume on May 7th impact an agent's ability to collect PUA benefits?

[View Answer](#)

Question 2: When answering certification questions, how should agents answer the question "Can you arrange to seek full time work and attend job interviews?"

[View Answer](#)

5. Unemployment Insurance Agency FAQs Updated

Below are some of the questions we have received about applying for and receiving unemployment insurance benefits for self-employed and independent contractors. Michigan Realtors® is communicating with Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA) regarding the most common questions from our members. We will continue to update/supplement these FAQs as we receive additional guidance from the UIA.

View UIA FAQs

6. Michigan Realtors® President Maureen Francis Sends Thank You to the Governor

This week, Michigan Realtors® President, Maureen Francis sent communication to Governor Whitmer thanking her for putting real estate back to work. As an industry, we will do our part to help Michigan recover.

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