

**Mayor Steve Schewel issued a “stay-at-home” order
which becomes effective
Thursday, March 26, 2020 at 6PM**

This order will remain in effect through April 30, 2020

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Staff is continuing to review the order and seek clarification on many of the outlined directives, but here is the current assessment.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Yesterday, the Governor's Executive Order also required Registers of Deeds to continue operating. While this means that closing activities may be able to continue, it is still unclear as to the manner in which they will be accomplished (remote or in-person submission).

CRITICAL TRADES

Additionally, many critical trades are allowed to continue to work, including building and construction trades, and other related trades, including but not limited to, plumbers, electricians, exterminators, cleaning and janitorial staff for commercial and governmental properties, security staff, operating engineers, HVAC, painting, moving and relocation services, and other service providers who provide services that are necessary to maintaining the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences, Essential Activities, and Essential Businesses and Operations. Any of the aforesaid Critical Trades services provided in person shall observe Social Distancing Requirements. These activities should help property managers continue operations.

TRAVEL/NON-ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES

Beginning Thursday morning (March 26th), travel is restricted for all non-essential activities. If you are not working in an essential business or conducting an approved activity, you must stay at home.

- **Real estate brokerage is NOT included as an essential business or activity. (Appraisal and title services are exempt). That means starting Thursday, REALTORS® will not be allowed to conduct most business activity outside of their homes. That does not mean that business must stop; however, your normal business activities (including showings and open houses) must now cease or be conducted remotely from your homes.**
- **Some real estate-related businesses were designated as “essential services.”** Included in this list are banks, lenders, appraisers, attorneys and title companies.

The order does not include any explicit references to multiple items included in the closing process, including but not limited to inspections, walk-through inspections and in-person closings. Staff is continuing to gather clarifications on these and other points.

As we learn more, we will share the information with you.