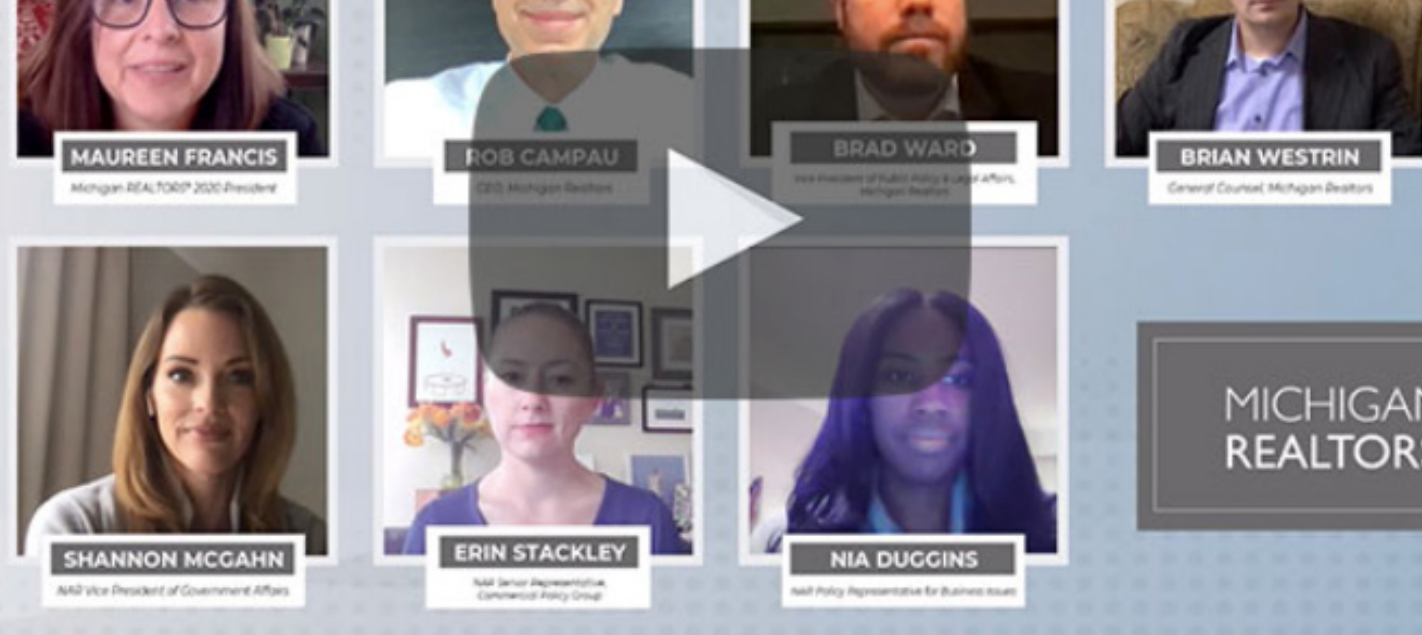


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Industry News & Resources

1. Watch Michigan Realtors® Virtual Membership Townhall Replay From April 14th



For members unable to attend the virtual town hall this week, we have a video recording for your viewing. The meeting features Michigan Realtors® and National Association of Realtors® leadership and staff on the Governor's "Stay at Home" order, Federal Advocacy Efforts, Paycheck Protection Program Loans, Unemployment Benefits, State Advocacy Efforts, and Legal FAQ.

In addition, Michigan Realtors® is continually updating our COVID-19 FAQs, which can be found at <https://mirealtors.com/Portals/0/Documents/QACCOVID1932720.pdf>. We encourage everyone to visit our Industry Resources page for all E-Communications/Resources that we have put out up until now.

[Industry Resources & FAQ](#)

[Watch Virtual Townhall and Subscribe to YouTube](#)

2. Michigan Senate Republicans Introduce Plan to Put Realtors® and Other Businesses Back to Work.

Yesterday, Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey and the Senate Republicans put forward a five-phase plan to put Michigan back to work safely. The "Open Michigan Safely" plan rolls out each phase based on data points and measurable risk. Under the plan, phase one would begin by updating Michigan's list of critical services to include residential and commercial real estate, and other businesses.

This plan does not signal a return to "business as usual" but is a measured approach that allows for travel and requires guidelines to protect Realtors®, their clients, and the public. Michigan Realtors® appreciates the Senate Republicans for recognizing the importance of real estate to Michigan's economy while making sure that public health is kept a priority.

It is important to remember that the Governor's "Stay at Home" Executive Order still runs through April 30th. The Senate Republicans presented their plan to Governor Whitmer today as to begin discussions of the next step for Michigan during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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3. Michigan Senate Safe Behavior for Safe Workplaces Seeks Your Input

Thank you for sharing your stories and experiences with us during this crisis. It helps us in shaping our advocacy efforts with the Governor's office and legislative leadership to bring Realtors® back to work in a safe and responsible manner to protect public health and allow residential and commercial markets to move forward.

As you know Michigan Realtors® is delivering a consistent message to the Michigan Legislature and the Governor to classify real estate as "critical" under the existing Stay at Home Order, and any other future orders. Our neighboring states, and other states similarly affected by COVID-19, have allowed for minimum real estate services to continue at this time. Common sense measures that we have been advocating for include:

- Work remotely to the greatest extent possible, in-person meetings only when necessary for a client to view a property or sign necessary documents
- No real estate open houses shall be permitted
- Property viewings, inspections, appraisals, and final walk-throughs shall be arranged by appointment and limited to no more than four people on site at any one time, exercising social distancing at all times
- Showings limited to owner-occupied, vacant homes, commercial, and industrial property

Last week, the Michigan Senate convened the bi-partisan Michigan Safe Behavior for Safe Workplaces work group to develop recommendations to the Governor's office on putting the state back to work safely. Now they are inviting comments from businesses and employees all over Michigan to gather ideas toward that end.

Michigan Realtors® has already been in contact with each of the members of this committee with our proposal. Now it's time that they hear from you.

We invite our membership to visit the "Michigan Safe Workplaces" website and provide comments. Your voice matters.

[Michigan Safe Workplaces](#)

4. COVID-19 Information and Advocacy Alerts | Text "COVID-19" to 30644

Whether it is on items related to COVID-19 or other key industry initiatives in the future, now more than ever, we see the importance of Realtors® being connected and unified. We are asking everyone to grab your phone and text "COVID-19" to the number 30644.

Enrolling in the Realtor® Party Mobile Alert program keeps you on the cutting edge of the latest resources and future advocacy efforts. Don't let an email of importance get lost in the shuffle!

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