



## **REALTORS® READY TO ASSIST BUYERS, SELLERS WHILE TAKING EXTRA PRECAUTIONS DURING PANDEMIC**

Even during this pandemic, Nevada REALTORS® are well-positioned to continue serving clients. REALTORS®, mortgage lenders, home inspectors, appraisers and other providers are currently at work and making sure buyers and sellers have all the services they need to complete their real estate transactions safely and efficiently.

### **TECHNOLOGY**

Nevada REALTORS® are practicing “social distancing” while conducting real estate transactions. They can create virtual property tours and conduct video chats that allow buyers to see properties in a realistic way online. REALTORS® can also conduct virtual listing presentations with sellers.

REALTORS® use electronic documents and are encouraging buyers and sellers to sign paperwork through platforms like DocuSign to minimize in-person contacts. In fact, much of the transaction was already conducted, even before the spread of COVID-19.

With an increased use of technology, however, we encourage buyers and sellers to be aware of scams. Before sending money, buyers and sellers should always call their title company, using an independently verified number to confirm wiring instructions.

### **SAFETY PRECAUTIONS**

During property showings and inspections, REALTORS® are encouraging the following to prevent the spread of disease.

- Having all parties wash hands and/or use hand sanitizer before and after entering a home.
- Asking buyers to avoid touching anything in the home.
- Canceling showings if buyers or sellers or others are sick.
- Opening all interior doors prior to showings to minimize the need for buyers to touch door handles.
- Turning on all lights before showings to prevent touching light switches.
- Disinfecting all door handles and high-touch areas prior to and after showings.
- Having all parties stand six feet away from each other during showings

### **POTENTIAL DELAYS**

REALTORS® currently report that real estate transactions are moving smoothly. Nevertheless, should any issues arise, Nevada REALTORS® is providing REALTORS® with the tools and information they need to help their clients through any delays, resulting from the outbreak.

Real estate closings continue to take place each day, and the demand for real estate remains high. Nevada REALTORS® stand ready to help Silver State consumers navigate the market and transaction.