

COVID-19 and SC Real Estate Practice

Real Estate practice and property showings are NOT currently prohibited state-wide. However, please keep in mind that recent actions by local governments (cities and counties) related to COVID-19 could potentially impact the practice of the real estate profession. It is important to note the public health concerns of COVID-19 expressed in several of South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster's [Executive Orders](#). When these concerns are discussed between the real estate agents and the property owners, the property owners may decide they do not want to show their properties during the current public health emergency. The SC Real Estate Commission cannot interfere with owners' ability to market their homes or stop brokerages from performing their jobs.

Governor McMaster has been very specific about what constitutes a non-essential business, and additional guidance can be obtained from the [SC Department of Commerce](#).

A detailed listing of businesses categorized as non-essential as a result of the Governor's executive orders is available on Commerce's COVID-19 business resources page.

Businesses that need further clarification after reviewing the [non-essential](#) businesses listing can complete the [Clarification of Business Designation Form](#) on Commerce's website. The COVID-19 response team will respond to business inquiries submitted online within 24 hours.

Please note: The COVID-19 response team will only provide clarification on the categorization of non-essential businesses. Businesses explicitly addressed in the executive order should follow that directive.