Vermont Forward Plan What Vermont's Reopening Plan Means for Real Estate

Overview

Vermont Governor Phil Scott released the Vermont Forward Plan on April 6. The three-step plan works to ensure a safe easing of personal restrictions and continued reopening of the state's economy. Please note that the original reopening timeline has been revised. Revisions are marked in **RED**.

What it Means for Real Estate

Most restrictions for real estate have been lifted. Please refer to the universal guidelines on the back for mask and travel updates.

Cross State Travel

Out-of-state buyers are allowed to travel to Vermont without quarantine or testing requirements. See the back for details.

Realtors[®] are no longer required to use the COVID-19 Real Estate Compliance Form. However, prior to buyers traveling from out-of-state to Vermont you are encouraged to ask two questions: 1) Has everyone in your party been fully vaccinated? 2) If not, has everyone in your party tested negative within 3 days of arriving in Vermont?



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BUSINESS OPERATIONS

Universal guidance encouraged for all sectors

GATHERINGS AND EVENTS

No capacity restrictions

MASKS AND PHYSICAL DISTANCING

REVISED Encouraged if unvaccinated



UNIVERSAL GUIDANCE

- 1. Stay home if sick. Organizations must have policies in place to remind employees to stay home if they have signs and symptoms of COVID-19. No symptomatic or COVID-19 positive workers are allowed on site. Unvaccinated employees who have not had COVID-19 in the past 90 days and have had close contact for more than 15 minutes with any person who is diagnosed with COVID-19 are required to quarantine for 14 days or for 7 days prior to obtaining a COVID-19 test. See the <u>Department of Health's guidance</u> for more information on work place exposures.
- 2. Mask Requirement. If you are fully vaccinated, you are not required to wear a mask or maintain a 6-foot distance from others. You are fully vaccinated 14 days after your final shot. Unvaccinated or partially vaccinated individuals are required to wear a face mask or covering in indoor public spaces.
- **3. Practice good hygiene.** Employees must have easy and frequent access to soap and water or hand sanitizer during the duration of work, and hand washing or hand sanitization is required frequently including before entering, and leaving, job sites. All common spaces (when open) and equipment, including bathrooms, frequently touched surfaces and doors, tools and equipment, and vehicles must be cleaned regularly and, when possible, prior to transfer from one person to another, in accordance with <u>CDC guidance</u>.
- 4. **Travel.** As part of Vermont's phased reopening plan, travel no longer requires testing or quarantine. Rules for visitors from other countries and Vermonters returning from international travel are different. For details, visit <u>https://apps.health.vermont.gov/COVID/faq/#4568</u>. The CDC recommends that individuals delay travel until they have been fully vaccinated.

The Universal Guidance listed here serves as a baseline. Any business, organization, or operator is free to take additional safety precautions for the health and safety of its employees and consumers.

QUESTIONS?

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