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Earlier today, Gov. Andrew Cuomo ordered the closure of all offices for non-essential businesses. Previously, the governor limited staffing to 50%, followed by 75%, and now 100% workforce reduction in non-essential business offices.

The governor specifically mentioned real estate activities in his press conference stating, "I don't know who you think you're going to rent an apartment to now anyways if you kick someone out...by my mandate you couldn't even have your real estate agent showing the apartment. Same with commercial tenants."

As such, it is believed that all showings and open houses will be prohibited after Sunday evening. Furthermore, all brokerage offices will also need to close Sunday evening. Licensees are still able to work from home.

NYSAR will release more information as it becomes available.