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of Real Estate Industry as Essential**

NYSAR's first priority is the safety of our members; our mantra must be 'safety first, work second.' While New York State has now designated certain limited real estate activities as an essential service, it cannot be said more clearly and strongly that we value our members safety and health above all else.

You are not mandated to work. If you can stay at home, stay at home.

Throughout this crisis, Governor Cuomo has been a national leader, putting safety for New Yorkers and Americans above all other considerations. Ultimately, his office made this determination, but we also believe Empire State Development made this decision because it believes the legal requirements to complete real estate transactions can be done safely. We agree, and we will all be required to modify how we approach our work to comply with state and federal social distancing requirements.

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This is an unprecedented time for all of us, and ultimately each individual broker, agent and appraiser will need to make a personal determination about whether they choose to return to work. And we will support all of our members regardless of how you choose to approach this crisis.

Comprehensive information is available at [nysarcovidupdates.com](http://nysarcovidupdates.com)

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