



The Pennsylvania Association of Realtors® is conducting a weekly Touch Base meeting to inform and field questions posed by the local associations. Here is a review of what was discussed on Monday, March 22:

1. Can Settlement Companies proceed under the governor's guidance?  
**At this time the answer is NO!**
2. What about Open Houses?  
**At this time the answer is NO!**
3. PAR Director of Law and Policy, Hank Lerner, requests that before you make a call to the PAR Legal Hotline you check the COVID-19 FAQ's on the PAR website @ <https://www.parealtors.org/coronavirus/>
4. PAR has reached out to the Pennsylvania Real Estate Commission to request that the bureau extends licensing renewal.
5. Unemployment for Independent Contractors. PAR is trying to get access for support and relief for Realtors®, however this is walking a very fine line since Realtors® do not pay into the PA/UC Fund.
6. The Pennsylvania primary has been delayed to **June 2, 2020**.

#### Resources:

1. **COVID-19 Addendum:** <https://www.parealtors.org/covid-19-addendum-available-for-use/>
2. **PAR COVID-19 Updates** At this time changes and updates are in a constant state of flux. Please be sure to visit <https://www.parealtors.org/coronavirus/> for the most reliable and up to date resources and information.
3. **Weekly BCAR Member COVID 19 Update** BCAR Realtor® and Affiliate members will be receiving weekly email updates that will share and review any updates that aren't likely to change quickly. Please read these emails thoroughly.
4. **Update to BCAR Website** Updates will also be housed on our website at: <https://www.mybcar.com/aboutus.cfm>. Our website will also reflect upcoming cancellations to previously scheduled events. Links to online learning can be found on our site if you need Continuing Ed courses.
5. **Updates to BCAR Social Media** Learn what's going on in real time by following BCAR on our social media. Links below my signature line.
6. **Special request from Veronica Cardello** Please **do not** bombard your state legislators and officials with questions, requests, inquiries at this time. If you have a pressing matter please reach out (in this order)
  - a. Check the PAR Landing page at: <https://www.parealtors.org/coronavirus/>
  - b. Email Veronica Cardello at: [vcardello@parealtors.org](mailto:vcardello@parealtors.org)
  - c. Call Veronica Cardello at: **(724) 556-9968**
7. **NAR:** <https://www.nar.realtor/coronavirus-a-guide-for-realtors>
8. **PA Commonwealth:** [www.pa.gov/guides/responding-to-covid-19/](http://www.pa.gov/guides/responding-to-covid-19/) Information on symptoms and prevention, travel, mitigation, scams, emergency food assistance, mitigation guidance, social distancing and much more is available at. I will also continue to share helpful information on my website.
9. **Continuing Education:** For those of you that have not completed your Continuing Education I have not received word that The Real Estate Commission will be making changes due to the recent COVID-19 issue. Therefore, I am including the following links for you to complete your CE online:  
**The CE Shop:** <http://www.mybcar.theceshop.com/>  
**REI:** <https://www.realtorspgh.com/Education/Continuing-Education>

If you were licensed **on or after 12/1/2017** you must take: **The 7-Hour General Module ("The Big Picture")**. As well as your choice of either: **The 7-Hour Residential Module or a 7-Hour Commercial Module.**

**Other CE & Broker Classes will not satisfy the CE commitment for new real estate licensees.**