

To the Public Health Officer of Mendocino County:
(and the BOS to go on record)

Please see the excerpt from the Sonoma County Order of the Health Officer regarding the recent update to accommodate real estate residential "viewings" or showings in occupied homes:
"Service providers that enable residential transactions (including rentals, leases, and home sales), including but not limited to real estate agents, escrow agents, notaries, and title companies. Residential viewings should occur virtually as much as possible. In person residential viewings shall be by appointment only, and shall be limited to two visitors (from the same household or living unit) and one individual showing the unit. In person visits are not allowed when the occupant is still residing in the residence unless gloves, facial coverings, and shoe coverings are worn during the visit, there is no contact with staging items or personal property during the showing, and the seller or landlord cleans the property after the visit with products on the Environmental Protection Agency's approved list of disinfectants, paying attention to any areas that may be commonly touched, such as door knobs, handles, counter tops, and staging items;"

<https://socoemergency.org/order-of-the-health-officer-no-19-09-shelter-in-place-extended/>

I ask that the Mendocino County Public Health Officer follow the lead of our neighboring county to the South and allow residential viewings of occupied residences. As it stands, homes must be vacant for 5 or more days to accommodate showings. As we continue to loosen guidelines while upholding safe and sanitary precautions, I ask that real estate be included in the next update and that we allow showings of occupied homes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best,



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