

As the situation develops with the COVID-19 pandemic, Windermere Real Estate is dedicated to taking steps to reduce the spread of the virus while continuing to work with home sellers.

To help with this process, here are some ways you as a home seller can keep yourself and others safe during the selling process.

- Before you decide to sell, be sure to seriously consider the risks of putting your home on the market right now. Talk with your Windermere agent to discuss your options.
- Discuss your recent travel history with your agent, as well as theirs. Be sure to mention any recent international travel, especially to the impacted countries and cities that have significant outbreaks.
- While open houses generate interest and traffic, groups are hard to control, and we want to practice "social distancing" when we can. We recommend only allowing showings by appointment; this ensures that only serious buyers enter your home, reducing possible spreading of the virus.
- Consider vacating the property from list date to offer review date by staying with family or friends or at a short-term rental.
- Wipe down surfaces following every showing of your home.

- If you start to feel sick or have knowledge that you have been in contact with someone suspected to have COVID-19, take your home off the market immediately.
- Ask your agent to pre-screen buyers before they enter your home to ensure they aren't ill and have not potentially been exposed to the virus.
- Place a placard in the entry of your home requesting that any person who has recently been ill or may have been in the company of someone who is suspected to have COVID-19 to not enter your home.
- Provide hand sanitizer throughout your home.
- It's common for sellers to provide protective booties for buyers who tour the home; consider also providing disposable gloves.
- Leave interior doors open so that buyers who tour the home don't have to touch the handles when entering rooms.
- Disinfect your home with proper cleaning supplies after every open house.

