

Press release

The Real Estate Industry Continues its Activities and Adjusts to the New Health Measures

L'Île-des-Sœurs, January 8, 2021 — Following the latest developments relating to the pandemic communicated by the provincial government, the Quebec Professional Association of Real Estate Brokers (QPAREB) is pleased with the continuation of professional real estate brokerage activities.

Since the start of the pandemic, brokers have quickly adapted to allow for responsible collaboration with clients and with all partners in the real estate industry who are associated with transactions, including notaries, building inspectors, chartered appraisers and land surveyors. The vigilance, professionalism and collaboration demonstrated by brokers has allowed for the continuation of professional activities and, above all, has allowed real estate brokerage to be recognized as an essential service.

“The measures that were announced are encouraging for the real estate broker profession. Brokers demonstrated last year that they can continue their activities in complete safety. They have technology tools to support their clients that allow them to minimize face-to-face contact and comply with health and distancing measures, thereby encouraging the protection and health of the population,” said Marc Lacasse, president of the QPAREB board of directors.

In these uncertain times, the QPAREB reminds the public that working with a broker also means more security and less stress, as all members are subject to the **Real Estate Brokerage Act** as well as strict rules and a code of conduct. [Learn more](#).

In addition, the [Centris.ca](#) website, which has seen a record number of visits since the start of the pandemic, features private interactive showings and virtual open houses, a useful advantage for real estate brokerage professionals and their clients. [Click here](#) to learn more.

The new measures that were announced will be in effect from January 9 to February 8, inclusively.

Main health measures:

- Due to the implementation of the **curfew between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m., property visits are prohibited during this period.**
- Open houses are not recommended.
- Real estate agency offices must remain closed until February 8 and administrative staff must continue to work remotely.

About the Quebec Professional Association of Real Estate Brokers

The Quebec Professional Association of Real Estate Brokers (QPAREB) is a non-profit association that brings together more than 13,000 real estate brokers and agencies. It is responsible for promoting and defending their interests while taking into account the issues facing the profession and the various professional and regional realities of its members. The QPAREB is also an important player in many real estate dossiers, including the implementation of measures that promote homeownership. The Association reports on Quebec's residential real estate market statistics, provides training, tools and services relating to real estate, and facilitates the collection, dissemination and exchange of information. The QPAREB is headquartered in Quebec City and has its administrative offices in Montreal. It has two subsidiaries: Centris Inc. and the Collège de l'immobilier du Québec. Follow its activities at qpareb.ca or via its social media pages: [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

About Centris

Société Centris provides real estate industry stakeholders with access to real estate data and a wide range of technology tools. Centris tools are used by close to 14,000 real estate brokers, as well as other industry professionals. Centris also operates Centris.ca, the most visited real estate website in Quebec.

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