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## **Coronavirus Update and Association Precautions**

Dear HCAR Members,

HCAR Leadership wants you to know that your safety and well-being, as well as that of our staff, is a top priority.

In response to the recent cases of COVID-19 in our region, both the National Association of REALTORS® and Maryland REALTORS® suspending classes and travel through mid-April, HCAR is taking the necessary precautionary steps to cancel – effective Monday, March 16, 2020 – **ALL** classes and in-person Committee activities/meetings until Friday, April 17.

All participants who are registered for classes through April 17 will be contacted directly and fully refunded. All Committee/Task Force meetings will be virtual and set up as either a conference call or online (Skype/Zoom) meeting. Please look for direct contact from your HCAR staff committee liaisons and Committee Chairs.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the best way to reduce the risk of transmission and mitigate exposure is to limit the amount of contact that large groups of people have with one another for the immediate time being. All across the country, businesses, colleges, and groups are cancelling conferences, meetings, and events as well as making internal changes to reduce the amount of people that can be exposed to anyone who is sick with any symptoms, not just COVID-19.

Moving forward into the coming weeks we will be monitoring the situation, but we hope that no more cancellations will be occurring. HCAR will issue regular updates to keep our members informed.

If you are registered for a class beyond April 17 and it is not cancelled, we will do everything we can to make sure you are refunded should you need that.

We appreciate your understanding and patience during this time, and we hope you all remain safe.