

*Covid-19 Shut Down Real Estate
Swimming During a Pandemic*

A Monthly Insight into the Current Real Estate Market

REAL ESTATE IS BACK!!!

COVID-19 Shutdown the Real Estate Market "UPDATE"

Real estate was down 60-70% during March, April and part of May, 2020. We officially opened back up on May 7th 2020. The balance of May was slow and buyers were becoming eager to buy, but there was not many homes on the market and those on the market started selling or leasing very fast.

Now that it is June, we see lots of buyers and leases but prices are pretty firm because we are still low on inventory. If you have a house to sell, this is a great time to list your house. Sharp houses are selling in 1-5 days under FHA Limits (\$331,760). More expensive homes are also selling but expect 1-4 weeks to sell. If your house needs updating or repairs it is hard to put a time frame on it, but plan on 30-60 days or more depending on how much work is needed. In general, leases under \$3,000 a month are super hot! I constantly hear on my Rent-to-Own homes, "Is that all you can send me?" Usually we average sending 2-5 homes if we can find any. Rent-to-Own homes under \$1,500 a month are hard to find. Lease only are more abundant but are hard to get because they are leasing so fast.



Can Your Pool Kill the Coronavirus ...and Everything Else You Should Know About Swimming During a Pandemic



Swimming Pools: It is that time of year. I am sure we are all tired of hearing and talking about coronavirus and the constant threat is it going to come back in a few months.

By now, you may have heard that the novel coronavirus can live up to three days on some surfaces. But what about in your swimming pool? Is there any way you could get the virus from your afternoon dip?

The short answer: You probably won't get the virus from pool water. But a pool is still a risky environment as far as social distancing and person-to-person transmission are concerned. So before you head for a swim in your backyard or community pool, read on for expert advice on how to keep yourself and other swimmers safe. But outside of the water, the virus can spread among people—and the risk is especially high at a community aquatic center or an apartment building pool where lots of swimmers come and go.

If you're going to be exposed to the coronavirus, it's because you're going to the pool and there's other people there and you're not social distancing.



STAY SAFE!!!

**Please, please, please:
Don't pee in the pool**

We hope it goes without saying, but you really need to adhere to proper hygiene while in the pool.

“Shower before swimming, and never pee in the pool,” Wiant says.

“The contaminants people bring into the water use up the chlorine, making less available to disinfect against viruses, like the coronavirus, and bacteria.”

Be smart about social distancing at the pool

If you go to a community or friend's pool, remember to practice social distancing and avoid coming within 6 feet of anyone you don't live with. If possible, sanitize chairs before sitting down. Minimize time in the locker room by coming dressed to swim, and shower at home both before and after swimming. When it comes to your face mask, you should never wear a cloth mask when you're underwater. If your head is going to be underwater, a mask isn't going to do a damn thing for anybody. But if you're standing in the shallow end or lounging poolside, be sure to wear your mask to protect other people. You can also call the pool ahead of time to ask what precautions are being taken to keep people safe, like limiting the number of swimmers and spacing lounge chairs at least 6 feet apart. And remember: If you're feeling sick or experiencing any Covid-19 symptoms, stay home.

Normal pool maintenance should be enough to inactivate the virus

Pool water maintenance guidelines haven't changed in the wake of Covid-19. If you're responsible for maintaining a public pool, follow the CDC guidelines and check the pH and chlorine levels twice a day, or more if you have a lot of swimmers in the water. For a residential pool, there's nothing special you need to do beyond your normal weekly maintenance. Stick to your usual pool cleaning routine: Test your pH at least once a week and make sure you have plenty of chlorine available. It's also a good idea to hyperchlorinate once a week to ward off cryptosporidium, a microscopic parasite that can make swimmers severely ill.

Pool vs. beach: Which option is better?

If you're worried about coming into contact with other people at the pool and you live near a natural body of water, you may be considering heading to the beach instead. Properly maintained pools offer an advantage with its chlorine and chemicals that inactivate the virus, but beaches have large volumes of moving water that dilute virus particles efficiently and reduce risk of exposure to the virus. Ultimately, the safest place to swim is wherever there are the fewest people. Before you head to the beach, check with your local health department to make sure the water has been tested recently and is safe for swimming.

I thought this article was very timely on the ability to kill this disease.

If you are in a pool – ENJOY!!!

~Larry

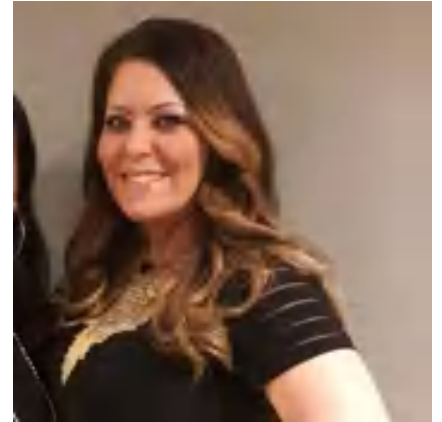
>>> Update

Jennifer Tocco is new with our company once real estate opened up. You will enjoy communicating with her. She is a fast learner and probably can answer most of your questions. If not, she will get the answer for you.

Quote of the Month:

“If I had a way of buying a couple hundred thousand single-family homes, I would load up on them.”

~Warren Buffett



ENJOY JUNE'S WEATHER!

~ **LARRY & JENNIFER** ~

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