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The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has remained operational and open for business. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, commencing with Governor Baker’s state of emergency announcement of March 10th, the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has worked with great diligence to maintain the safety and well-being of the general public and our Registry employees. The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds has played a part in keeping the Norfolk County real estate market viable given the role the Registry of Deeds has in this sector of the economy.

While the Registry building has been closed to members of the general public and real estate professionals, the Norfolk Registry of Deeds has been able to record land documents electronically for our institutional users including banks, law firms and title companies. In addition, the homeowners of Norfolk County have been able to submit their documents for recording via regular mail and a drop-off box located outside the main entrance of the Registry building located at 649 High Street, Dedham, MA. The Norfolk County Registry of Deeds Disaster Recovery office and remote work has been utilized to continue to remain operational.

For entities that are currently set up to electronically file, we encourage you to use that medium. For eligible entities that wish to sign up to eFile, please consider signing up via our website.

The work getting done here at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds could not have been done without the cooperation and patience of the citizens of Norfolk County, our Registry users and a dedicated staff of Registry employees.

There are steps being taken to improve and recover the economy. There is information from public health leaders and scientists that have the goal of keeping individuals safe. This coronavirus is a fluid situation and will continue to be. Accordingly, the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds building and its Record Hall, closing rooms and research areas will remain closed to the general public and real estate professionals alike for the time being. This action is taken to be prudent and out of an abundance of caution. While this decision may be a burden for some, the decision reflects our continuing commitment to maintain the safety and well-being of the general public and Registry staff while at the same time keeping the Norfolk County real estate market open for business at the Norfolk County Registry of Deeds.

Be healthy. Be safe.