

## Stewart – Massachusetts Mid-Week Update – November 4, 2020

Dear Stewart Partners,

Happy November! As always, we hope all of you, your families, colleagues and friends are staying safe and healthy. It seems like a lot has happened in the past week. We had the first snow fall of the year, which went down in the record books for an early accumulation, new restrictions have been issued by Gov. Baker in an effort to slow down COVID-19 cases, and we've had an election, but no president-elect. So with all that is happening, we are highlighting just a few things this week.

The first item we want to share with you is Stewart's partnership with CertifiD. CertifiD provides services to closing agents to minimize the potential of wire fraud and as an agent you can take advantage of preferred pricing. We also are including the links to Governor Baker's new restrictions announced this week. Lastly, we wanted to alert you to a PSA announcement issued by the FBI regarding the cybersecurity risk posed by hotel wifi connections.

- *Stewart's Partner's with CertifiD*

As your underwriter, protecting the security of your escrow accounts, and your ability to protect the security of your customers, is important to us. That's why we've partnered with CertifiD to offer an exclusive deal to our Stewart Trusted Providers™.

CertifiD, the country's leading wire fraud prevention solution, is a safe and secure real-time identity platform for real estate, mortgage and title industry professionals that will aid in protecting both you and your customers from wire fraud.

Through our exclusive partnership with CertifiD, you receive wire fraud protection for \$3 per transaction, per party (*on Stewart files*), a savings of **over 60% off of their standard pricing**. That means wire fraud protection for your customers and tremendous savings for you.

**To learn more, visit [here](#) and let the CertifiD team show you how easy it is to protect your business and your customers with their solution.** They can have you up and running on their platform in as little as two hours.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your agency sales representative.

- *Massachusetts' new Covid-19 Restrictions and Orders*

On November 6, 2020, a new Stay-At-Home advisory becomes effective, which limits travel outside the home between the hours of 10 PM – 5 AM. <https://www.mass.gov/news/stay-at-home-advisory>

Also effective on November 6, 2020, is Order #54, which limits private indoor gatherings at residences to 10 people and private outdoor gatherings to 25 people. To read this order, follow this link: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/covid-19-order-54/download>

Lastly, the Governor issued Order #55 which addressed face coverings. The revised order requires all persons to wear face-coverings in all public places, even where they are able to maintain 6 feet distance from one another. To read the full order, follow this link: <https://www.mass.gov/doc/covid-19-order-55/download>

- *FBI Issues Warning*

Noting an increase in telework from hotels, the FBI issued a public service announcement regarding the cybersecurity risk this could pose for guests.

“The Federal Bureau of Investigation is issuing this announcement to encourage Americans to exercise caution when using hotel wireless networks for telework,” the PSA states. “FBI has observed a trend where individuals who were previously teleworking from home are beginning to telework from hotels. U.S. hotels, predominantly in major cities, have begun to advertise daytime room reservations for guests seeking a quiet, distraction-free work environment.” To read the FBI’s public service announcement, follow this link: <https://www.ic3.gov/Media/Y2020/PSA201006>

- *Stewart’s Fall/Winter Education Series – Sign up for a Webinar*

- Not So Basic – Policy Basics on **November 10, 2020 at 10 AM**

Register: [HERE](#)

- Claims Chronicles on **December 9, 2020 at 10 AM**

Register: [HERE](#)

If you missed our recent webinar “**The Mysteries of Tax titles Revealed**” or are interested in other webinars we’ve hosted this year, check out our local Massachusetts Stewart site to view the recordings. (Scroll to the bottom to view all Webinar Recordings.)

<https://www.stewart.com/content/stewart/stewartcom/en/stg/massachusetts/underwriting-resources/forms-policy-information/covid-19-info-resources.html>

- *Stewart’s Massachusetts COVID-19 Resource Page*

Please view our resource page which contains all the local information relative to underwriting guidance, affidavits, registry closures and frequently asked questions. This site will be updated regularly. To access click [HERE](#) and make it a favorite on your web-browser. You can also copy the following URL and paste it into your web

browser: <https://www.stewart.com/content/stewart/stewartcom/en/stg/massachusetts/underwriting-resources/forms-policy-information/covid-19-info-resources.html>



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