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The 411 for the 518:
Reopening the Capital
Region

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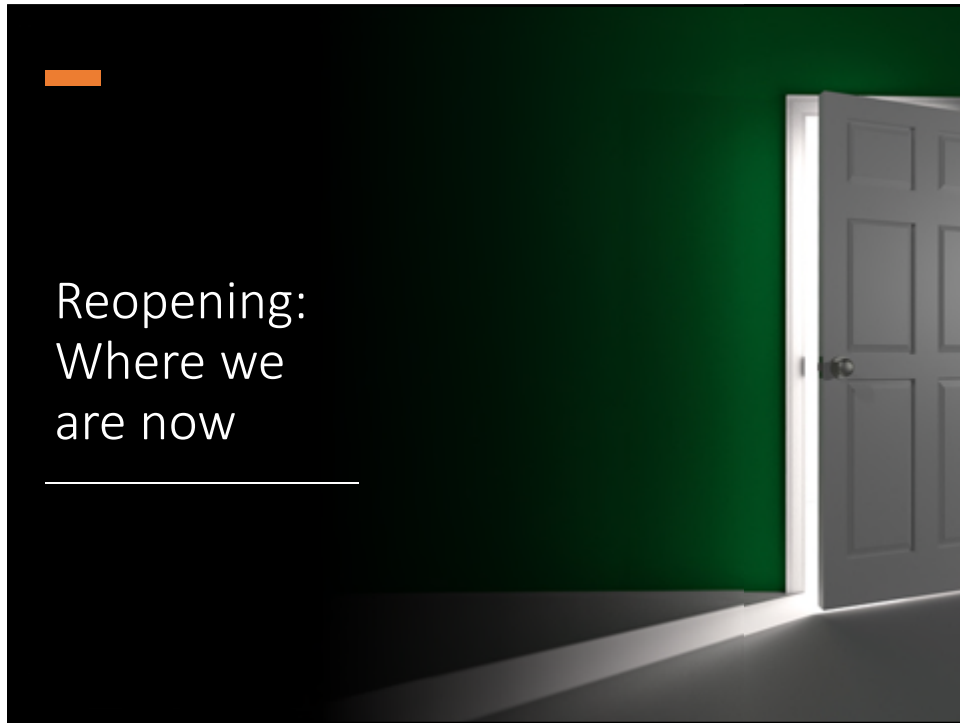
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The Capital Region gets the green light to reopen as leaders look towards Phase Two

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- Phase One began on May 20
- Phase One industries:
 - Construction
 - Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting
 - Retail - (Limited to curbside or in-store pickup or drop off)
 - Manufacturing
 - Wholesale Trade



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Reopening Guidance

[Home](#) **New York Forward Business Reopening Lookup Tool**


Questions

- County
- Business Category
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Business Category

Enter a NAICS Code or description of your business in the Primary NAICS Code box below to identify the correct NAICS for your business. You will see a list of possible NAICS Codes and descriptions below as you type. Select and click the correct NAICS code from the list. Both the code and the description will then appear in the Primary NAICS Code field.

www.businessexpress.ny.gov/app/nyforward



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Reopening Guidance

- Industries Reopening By Phase
 - <https://forward.ny.gov/industries-reopening-phase>
- Empire State Development FAQs on Reopening
 - <https://esd.ny.gov/nyforward-faq>


Phase One: Construction

- Building Equipment Contractors
- Building Finishing Contractors
- Foundation, Structure, and Building Exterior Contractors
- Highway, Street and Bridge Construction
- Land Subdivision
- Nonresidential Building Construction
- Residential Building Construction
- Utility System Construction

VIEW SUMMARY GUIDELINES


READ AND AFFIRM DETAILED GUIDELINES

PRINT BUSINESS SAFETY PLAN TEMPLATE



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	Mandatory	Recommended Best Practices
Physical Distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Ensure 6 ft. distance between personnel, unless safety or core function of the work activity requires a shorter distance. ✓ For any work occurring indoors, limit workforce presence to only the employees necessary to conduct curbside and in-store pickup activities, but no more than 50% of the maximum occupancy for a particular area set by the certificate of occupancy, inclusive of customers picking up an order who must maintain 6 ft. of space from others or wear an acceptable face covering. ✓ Any time personnel are less than 6 ft. apart from one another or a customer and without a physical barrier (e.g. plexiglass), personnel must wear acceptable face coverings. ✓ Tightly confined spaces (e.g. elevators, small stock rooms, behind cash registers, narrow merchandise aisles) should be occupied by only one individual at a time, unless all employees are wearing face coverings. If occupied by more than one person, keep occupancy under 50% of maximum capacity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Create additional space for employees by limiting in-person presence to only personnel necessary for the current task(s), adjusting retail hours to spread employee and customer traffic over a longer period of time, staggering arrival/ departure times, creating A/B teams. ✓ Modify the use and/or restrict the number of workspaces and employee seating areas to maintain 6 ft. distance. If not feasible, provide and require face coverings or enact physical barriers (e.g. plastic shielding walls), in accordance with OSHA guidelines, in areas where they would not impair air flow, heating, cooling, or ventilation. ✓ Reduce bi-directional foot traffic by posting signs with arrows in narrow aisles, hallways, or spaces. ✓ Stagger customer arrivals by advising pick-up time windows, and avoid direct handoffs.




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Reopening Guidance: Things to Know

- The guidance applies to essential businesses! (ESD FAQs)
 - **“Once guidance is posted that is applicable, you should read and affirm that you are operating in accordance with the health and safety requirements designed to protect your employees and customers.”**
- An affirmation must be submitted to the State affirming (1) a plan is in place and (2) you are operating in accordance with the applicable guidance.



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**INTERIM GUIDANCE FOR CURBSIDE AND IN-STORE PICKUP
RETAIL BUSINESS ACTIVITIES
DURING THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY**

When you have read this document, you can affirm at the bottom.

As of May 13, 2020

At the link below, affirm that you have read and understand your obligation to operate in accordance with this guidance:


<https://forms.ny.gov/s3/ny-forward-affirmation>



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Reopening Guidance: Things to Know

- **Occupancy Restrictions**
 - For work occurring indoors, workforce presence must be limited to 50% of the **maximum occupancy** for the area, as set by the certificate of occupancy.
 - Exception: if a facility requires more employees to “safely operate core functions,” additional mitigation strategies (such as social distancing, increased frequency of disinfecting, PPE, etc.) must be utilized.
- **Face coverings are required when social distancing cannot be maintained**




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Business Safety Precautions: PLAN

1. **Protections** for Employees and Customers
2. **Layout:** Changes to the Physical Workspace
3. **Adaptive** Health Protocols
4. **Notation:** Put the Plan in Writing




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NY FORWARD BUSINESS RE-OPENING SAFETY PLAN TEMPLATE

Each re-opening business must develop a written Safety Plan outlining how its workplace will prevent the spread of COVID-19. A business may fill out this template to fulfill the requirement, or may develop its own Safety Plan. **This plan does not need to be submitted to a state agency for approval** but must be retained on the premises of the business and must be made available to the New York State Department of Health (DOH) or local health or safety authorities in the event of an inspection.

Business owners should refer to the State's industry-specific guidance for more information on how to safely operate. For a list of regions and sectors that are authorized to re-open, as well as detailed guidance for each sector, please visit: [forward.ny.gov](https://www.forward.ny.gov)



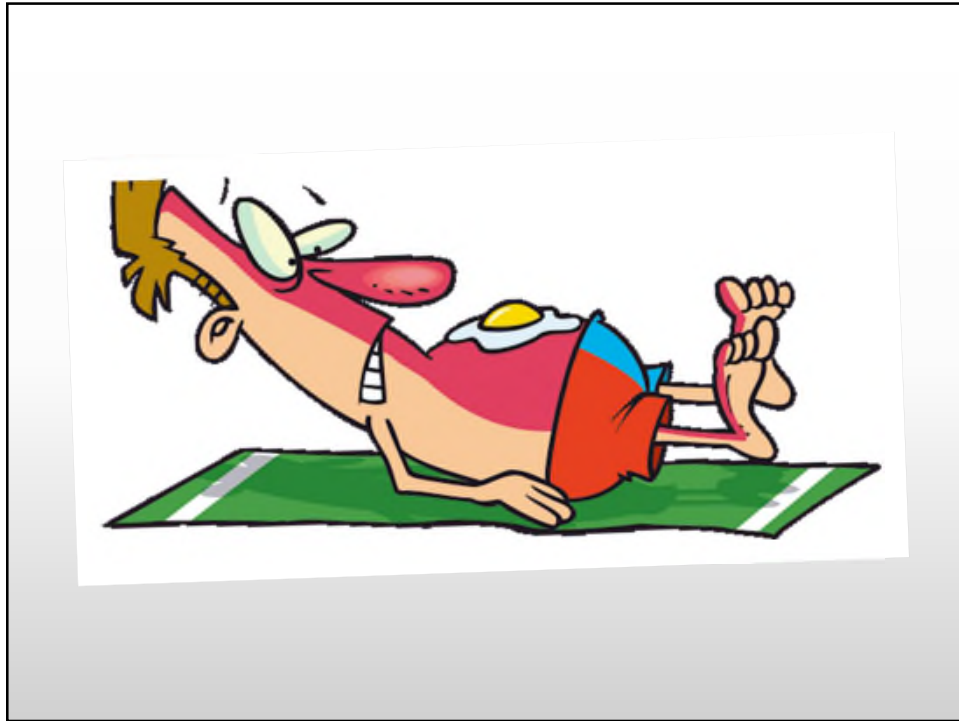
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Order of Reopening

Phase 1:

- Construction Service
- Manufacturing
- Hotels/Accommodations
- Wholesale supply chain
- Select retail – curbside pickup

Phase 2:

- Professional services
- Finance and insurance
- Retail
- Administrative support
- Real estate and rental leasing

Phase 3:

Restaurants/Food

Phase 4:

Arts
Entertainment
Recreation
Education

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Capital Region

- **Regional Captain:** Major General Patrick A. Murphy
- Ruth Mahoney, REDC co-chair
- Mike Blue, President, Capital District Area Labor Federation
- Albany County Executive Dan McCoy
- Rensselaer County Executive Steven McLaughlin
- Schenectady County Manager Rory Fluman
- Saratoga County Administrator Spencer Hellwig
- Washington County Board of Administrators Vice Chair Robert Henke
- Warren County Administrator Ryan Moore
- Greene County Administrator Shaun Groden
- Columbia County Board of Supervisors Chair Matt Murell
- City of Albany Mayor Kathy Sheehan



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Regional Reopening Plan

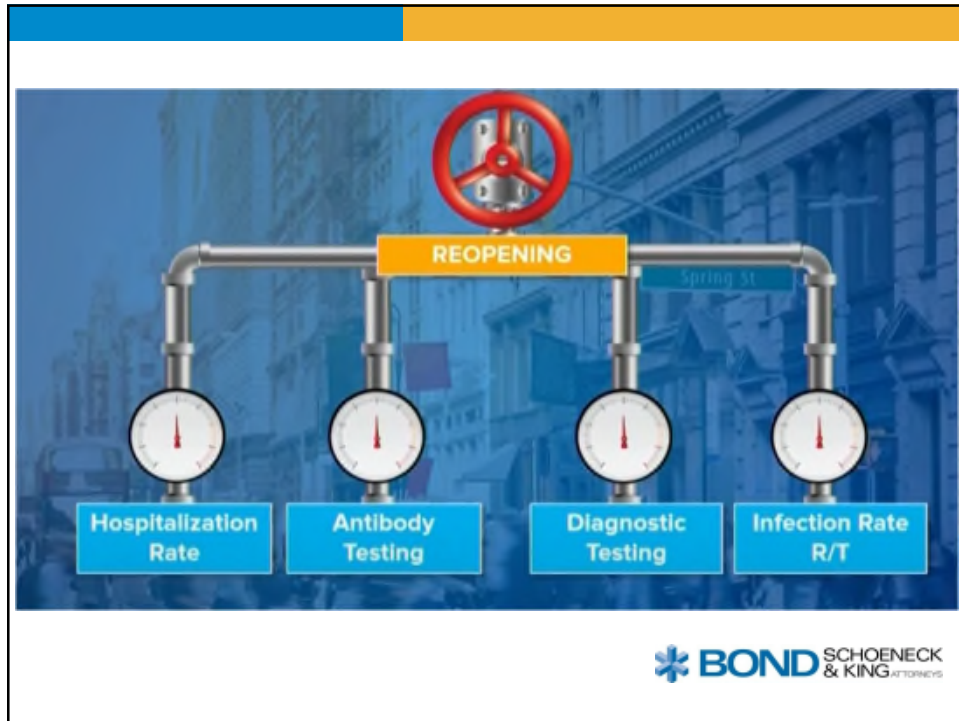
- Creating online portal to communicate resources to businesses
- Asking businesses and employees to sign a “Capital Region Reopening Pledge”
- “Consider a 4-day work week ... to allow for 72 hours of downtime at the site.”

CAPITAL REGION FORWARD

Our action plan for safely reopening businesses and reinvigorating the economy.



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	14-Day Decline in net Hospitalizations OR Under 15 new Hospitalizations (3-day avg)	14-Day Decline in Hospital Deaths OR Fewer than 5 deaths (3-day avg)	New Hospitalizations (Under 2 per 100K residents - 3 day rolling avg)	Share of total beds available (threshold of 30%)
Capital Region	0 2 ✓	5 1 ✓	0.58 ✓	33% ✓

	Share of ICU beds available (threshold of 30%)	30 per 1k residents tested monthly (7-day avg of new tests per day)	Contact tracers 30 per 100K residents or based on infection rate	Metrics Met
Capital Region	44% ✓	1,558 / 1,085 ✓	Yes ✓	7/7 ✓

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Keys to Opening and Staying Open

- Maintain Social Distancing
- Masks
- Screening
- Configuration
- Testing
- Isolation
- Tracing
- Quarantine



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Opening and Staying Open

- No Attractive Nuisances
- No (or limited) Public Gatherings
- Wear Masks
- Keep Up the Good Work
- Is Good Behavior Sustainable?
 - Will there be a difference in how businesses and the public behave?



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Questions?

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