

Hodes & Landy Guidance NYS's Re-Opening

Governor Andrew Cuomo's NY ON PAUSE that closed all non-essential businesses has been extended indefinitely. Those [regions](#) of the state that have met the CDC's guidelines for reopening will proceed through NYS's 4-phase reopening plan. For the status of each region, click [here](#). [Regional Control Rooms](#) are responsible for monitoring hospitalization rates, the infection rate, and the number of positive antibody tests, as well as the overall public health impact, and will adjust the plan based on these indicators.

- National & International Travel Restrictions -

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Travel Advisory List (Restricted States), Guidance, and Precautionary Quarantine Requirements

Currently, this applies to travelers from: Alabama, Alaska, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Guam, and Puerto Rico, as well as travelers from [Level 2 and Level 3 countries](#).

Travelers arriving from the states and countries listed above via airplane will be mandated to complete and submit a form identifying where they are traveling from and to. Violators will receive a summons and could be fined up to \$2,000.

Effective 6/25, all travelers arriving in NY, NJ, or CT from a state with a positive COVID-19 test rate higher than 10 per 100k residents OR a state with a $\geq 10\%$ rate (7 day rolling average) must quarantine for 14 days.

Those who violate orders for quarantine/reporting mandates could be subject to a judicial order for

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

[New York Essential Business Guidance \(EO 206.6\) – Updated frequently](#)

Criteria for Regional Reopening

Seven metrics have been established based on guidance from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Department of State, and other public health experts. For more details on each metric, click [here](#).

Industries Reopening by Phase

Each re-opening phase will last for at least two weeks to analyze the impacts of activity on the rate of infection. Governor Cuomo will announce when regions are permitted to move to the next phase. Re-opening refers to non-essential businesses; essential businesses that are open will remain open. Industry specific guidance is released by the state and can be found [here](#).

Guidance by Phase:


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Phase One:	Phase Two:	Phase Three:	Phase Four:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction • Manufacturing • Retail – curbside pickup, only • Wholesale trade • Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some retail • Administrative Support • Real Estate/rental & Leasing • Outdoor dining at restaurants • Temples/Mosques /Churches at 33% occupancy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restaurants/food services • Personal care services (hair salons, spas, etc.) • As of 7/6 – low-risk youth sports (baseball, gymnastics, etc.) • Gatherings of up to 50 people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher Education • Low-Risk Outdoor Arts & Entertainment (33% capacity) • Low-Risk Indoor Arts & Entertainment (25% capacity) • Media Production • Schools
 <p>Level of Risk</p>			

Statewide Re-Openings

In addition to industries reopening in the assigned phases, New York is also allowing certain businesses and activities to resume statewide regardless of the region's reopening status. Statewide re-opening guidelines can be found [here](#). The following activities/businesses/industries will reopen as of these dates;

As of May 15th - landscaping and gardening, certain low-risk outdoor activities, like tennis, and drive-in movie theaters.

On May 21st - religious gatherings of no more than 10 people.

On May 22nd - state/county/town/city beaches and lakeshores will be permitted to open if they adhere to [certain conditions](#).

Also, on May 22nd - social gatherings of up to 10 people (such as religious gatherings).

On May 25th - campgrounds and RV parks.

On May 26th - all veterinary practices and training camps for New York professional sports.

On May 29th - Governor Cuomo announced that Central NY, Finger Lakes, Mohawk Valley, North Country, and the Southern Tier will begin Phase II of the NYS Reopening Plan.

On June 1st - horse racing tracks and Watkins Glen International Racetrack will be permitted to open without fans.

Also, on June 1st - dentist offices will be permitted to reopen statewide. State-run DMV offices in the counties of Albany, Onondaga, Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, and the five boroughs of New York City will begin to process registrations and other transactions by mail, and beginning June 4, will accept transactions through secure drop boxes located at each office.

On June 4th - outdoor dining at restaurants will be permitted in Phase II. Drive-in and drive-thru student graduations are now permitted. The Governor will continue evaluating.

On June 11th - localities are permitted to open public pools and playgrounds, according to their own judgement while following state guidelines.

On June 16th - group homes that are certified by the NYS Office for People with Developmental Disabilities may begin visitation, while adhering to state guidelines.

On June 24th - **in collaboration with NJ and CT, Governor Cuomo invoked a travel advisory.** Religious gatherings can be held at 33% capacity (up from 25%). Social gatherings can be held up to 50 people (up from 25).

On June 26th - outdoor, socially distanced graduations of up to 150 people will be allowed.

On June 29th - daytime summer camps will be permitted to reopen. Sleep-away camps will not be permitted.

On July 13th, Governor Cuomo announced that schools will be permitted to open for the Fall semester, if the infection rate remains under the pre-determined threshold and schools follow strict NYS guidelines.

On August 24th, gyms can reopen at 33% capacity.

On September 30th, NYC restaurants will be allowed to resume indoor dining at 25% capacity on condition that they adhere to guidance.

On October 6th, Governor Cuomo announced the Cluster Action Initiative, which is responsible for identifying hotspot areas. School districts in these zip codes have been closed as of October 6th. Mass gatherings and religious meetings have once again been limited in capacity. The cluster maps can be found [here](#).

Healthcare-Related Re-Openings

On June 16th, hospitals statewide will be permitted to accept visitors at their discretion. Hospitals must follow state guidelines, including time limited visits. All visitors must wear PPE and are subject to symptom and temperature checks.

Region Reopening Status

Below is a chart showing the re-opening status of each region. The dates depict the day in which the region will begin a Phase. Each phase will last for a minimum of two weeks. Click [here](#) to see the Regional Monitoring Dashboard.

Region	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	Phase IV
Capital Region	5/20	6/3	6/17	7/1
Central NY	5/15	5/29	6/12	6/26
Finger Lakes	5/15	5/29	6/12	6/26
Long Island	5/27	6/10	6/24	7/8
Mid-Hudson	5/26	6/9	6/23	7/7
Mohawk Valley	5/15	5/29	6/12	6/26
New York City	6/8	6/22	7/6	7/20*
North Country	5/15	5/29	6/12	6/26
Southern Tier	5/15	5/29	6/12	6/26
Western NY	5/19	6/2	6/16	6/30

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Guidance for Businesses and Employers

The following guidance applies to non-essential businesses that are re-opening AND essential businesses that remained open during the crisis.

Prior to reopening, businesses and employers must develop a [COVID Health and Safety plan](#) for reopening that include new safety precautions to minimize employee risk. Businesses can use the template or develop their own, if it meets guidelines defined below. This plan does not need to be submitted to the State. However, businesses must [affirm](#) that they have read and understand their obligation to operate in accordance with this guidance.

NYS has released industry-specific guidelines for reopening and can be found [here](#). These guidelines apply to both non-essential businesses in regions that are permitted to re-open and essential businesses that were previously permitted to remain open. This guidance is not intended to replace any existing applicable local, state, and federal laws, regulations, and standards. Businesses/employers should incorporate these guidelines in their re-opening plan. [Regional Control Rooms](#) and local governments will be responsible for reinforcing guidelines.

These guidelines have been developed by NYS in partnership with industry experts and include considerations outlined in the [NY Forward plan](#) including:

- Adjusting workplace hours and shift design as necessary to reduce density in the workplace;
- Enacting social distancing protocols;
- Restricting non-essential travel for employees;
- Requiring all employees and customers to wear masks if in frequent contact with others;
- Implementing strict cleaning and sanitation standards;
- Enacting a continuous health screening process for individuals to enter the workplace;
- Continue tracing, tracking, and reporting of cases; and
- Developing liability processes.

Out-of-state employers who do business in New York:

Out-of-state employees are welcome to travel to businesses within NY if the region is in the appropriate phase of the reopening plan. Please be aware of the current travel advisory and penalties – see red box on first page.