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Welcomes You!
New York Reopening: *Phase 2*
What does it mean for you?
Even though New York State is reopening, COVID-19 is still here and is staying around for some time.
You Still Need to Keep doing three very important things...

Social Distance
Wash your hands
Where a mask
Reopening Must Happen Slowly so that People Don’t get Sick

Reopening is happening in phases. This means that different places are opening at different times. The number of people getting sick and needing to go to the hospital must decrease every two weeks before any area of New York can go from one phase to the next phase:

- Phase 1
- Phase 2
- Phase 3
- Phase 4
There are 7 Things that Must Continue to Happen Every Two Weeks Before a Place Can Go from One Phase to The Next Phase

These seven things prove that fewer people are getting sick and show that there is enough medical care available for everyone who might need it
#1 Fewer People are going to the Hospital with the Virus

Each part of New York State (Western New York, The Finger Lakes, New York City, Long Island) must have a decrease in the number of people going to the hospital with the virus for at least three days in a row.
#2 Fewer People are Dying

Each part of New State must have a decrease in the number of people who die from the Covid-19 Virus for at least three days in a row.
#3 The Number of New Hospitalizations Must Continue to Go Down

This means that each part of the state must have fewer than 2 new people who need to go to the hospital for every 100,000 people who live there.
#4—There Must Be Enough Hospital Beds for Everyone Who Needs One

For every 10 hospital beds that a hospital has, 3 of them must be empty so that they can be used if more people get sick.
#5—ICU Beds
Must be Available for Everyone who needs One

The Hospital Intensive Care Unit or ICU is a special area of the hospital where people who are really, really sick go. For every 10 beds in a hospital’s ICU 3 of them must be empty so that they can be used by people who get really, really sick from the virus.

Most people who get sick, do not need to go to ICU but some people do and hospitals must be prepared.
Each part of New York State must be able to test 30 people per month for the virus for every 1,000 people who live there.
#7—Places Must Be Able to Find Out Who Might Get the Virus Next

In order to know who has been exposed to the virus and who might get sick from it, each area of New York State must hire people to call the friends, family, neighbors and co-workers of people who have gotten sick and talk with them on the phone to see if they are feeling sick too and to let them know to be careful not to spread the virus to others in their community. This is called “contact tracing” because contact information (phone numbers) is used to reach people who might have the virus.
Many areas of New York State including Western New York have already moved to Phase 2 of reopening. This means that these types of places can reopen if they take steps to keep people from getting sick from Covid.

- Offices
- Real Estate Businesses
- Vehicle Sales
- Non-essential stores
- Barber Shops/Hair Salons
- Rental and Repair Shops
- Outdoor Food Services
Phase 2-Offices

Offices are places where people work. In order to open, offices must:

- Keep people six feet apart
- Make sure only half of the people who work there are in the office
- Everyone must wear masks
- Small spaces can’t be used
- Keep shared workspaces clean
- Limit in-person meetings
- Provide information to people who work there about how to keep from getting sick
Real Estate Businesses are places that buy, sell, or rent property. This includes selling, buying, or renting houses, apartments, or office buildings. To reopen, these businesses must...

- Keep people six feet apart
- Make sure only half of the people who work there are in the office
- Everyone must wear masks and people who do work in close contact with others for long periods may need to have additional protective equipment
- Small spaces can't be used
- Keep shared workspaces clean
- Limit in-person meetings
- Close common areas like break rooms
Phase 2-Vehicle Sales

These are places that sell things like cars, motorcycles, and boats. To open this places must...

- Keep people six feet apart
- Make sure only half of the people who work there are in the office
- Make sure customers social distance
- Small spaces can’t be used
- Limit in-person meeting and contact when possible
- Keep a distance during test drives—take the seat furthest from the customer
Phase 2 - Rental and Repair

These places rent and repair things. In order to reopen they must...

- Keep people six feet apart
- Make sure the space is 50% Occupied
- Wear masks within 6ft
- Small spaces can’t be used
- Close waiting rooms or mark spaces off to ensure people can be 6 feet apart
- Clean fitting room
- Provide specific spaces for pick up and delivery
Phase 2-Commercial Buildings

These places include offices building that have multiple businesses or tenants in them.

- Keep people six feet apart
- Make sure only half of the people who work there are in the office
- Everyone must where masks
- Small spaces can’t be used
- Mark spaces off to ensure people can be 6 feet apart
- Clean shared spaces
- Provide specific spaces for pick up and delivery
Phase 2-Non-essential In-store Retail

These places include places where you might buy non-essential things like spices, or candles, or books

- Keep people six feet apart
- Make sure the space is only 50% occupied
- Everyone must wear masks
- Small spaces can’t be used
- Mark spaces off to ensure people can be 6 feet apart
- Clean shared spaces
- Provide specific spaces for pick up and delivery
- Close self-serve stations
Phase 2- Barbershops and Hair Salons

These places include places where people get their haircut. To open they must...

- Keep people six feet apart
- Make sure the space is only 50% occupied
- Everyone must wear masks and your barber may also need a face shield and might limit services that require closer contact like beard trimming

The state also recommends:

- Appointments only (no walk ins)
- No cancellation fees
Phase 2-Outdoor Food Services

These places include places where people can eat outdoors at a distance from one another

- Keep people six feet apart
- Employees must wear masks
- No indoor seating
- Make sure people can maintain distance if they need to come inside to use the bathroom
- No more than ten people at a table in the same party-no communal dining