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NEW YORK FORWARD/REOPENING GUIDANCE & INFORMATION

NYC DETAILS
New York City Region Status:
• **New York City entered phase four of reopening on July 20**
  o **Mayor de Blasio** announced that in **phase 4** of the city’s reopening, which began Monday, July 21, zoos and botanical gardens can reopen with outdoor activities at **33%** of their capacity.
    ▪ **New York Botanical Garden** will open on **July 28th**
    ▪ **Brooklyn Botanic Garden** will open to the general public by **August 7th**.
  o **Professional sports** are back but will not include fans to lessen the spread of the virus.
  o The production of **tv shows, movies, and music** will now resume with safety precautions.
  o Activities that currently remain closed/excluded from this final phase of reopening include:
    ▪ indoor dining;
    ▪ indoor bars;
    ▪ serving alcohol without purchase of food;
    ▪ gyms;
    ▪ malls;
    ▪ movie theaters; and
    ▪ museums.
  o Additional information can be found [here](#).
• **New York City Phase 3:**
  o New York City: [New York City Reopening Guide](#)
    ▪ Phase 3 allows the reopening of nail salons, tattoo parlors, massage parlors, and spas, restricted to 50% capacity and with masks and social distancing requirements.
    ▪ New Yorkers are also permitted to use outdoor recreational and sports facilities, including basketball courts and soccer fields, and dog parks.
    ▪ In-door dining in restaurants is not permitted at this time.
  o Phase 3 Guidance: [Here](#) and [NYC Department of Health Guidance](#)
  o Progressing through the reopening phases allows for more shopping opportunities. NYC DOHMH has developed guidelines for [How to Shop Safely](#)
  o With cases rising among New Yorker City residents, under the age of 40—especially for the 20-29 age demographic—the City will launch a comprehensive public outreach campaign targeting younger New Yorkers, educating about social distancing and face coverings, among other topics.
  o **Face Coverings:** As the city continues to reopen and more people return to work outside the home, New Yorkers should wear a face covering as much as possible when around other people in an indoor setting that is not their home.
  o Regional Dashboard and metrics monitoring [https://forward.ny.gov/regional-monitoring-dashboard](https://forward.ny.gov/regional-monitoring-dashboard)
  o Human Services Council: [COVID-19 Resources for Human Services Providers](#)
  o New York City: [Confidential 24/7 Hotline NYCWell](#)
  o New York City has called off plans to allow indoor dining at restaurants in phase three in early July amid a spike in coronavirus cases in other parts of the country that is heightening fears of a resurgence in New York. (July 1)
Reopening NYC: What Workers Need to Know

NYC Consumer Affairs has created a Business Reopening Guide with information for workers. This guide contains information regarding what safety protocols your employer must follow, workplace laws, and other city resources. Additionally, the agency published a Worker Rights Page. This page contains many important updates for employees in multiple languages.

The Office of Nightlife has launched the “It’s Up to You, New York” public awareness campaign to encourage restaurants and bars, patrons and residents to work together to ensure that the rollout of New York City’s Open Restaurants allows people to socialize responsibly.

- New York City Phase 2:
  - Mayor de Blasio signed an executive order on Thursday, June 18 allowing expanded al fresco dining during Phase 2. Restaurants will be allowed to convert the parking spots in front of their stores into dining space. They can also set up tables on the sidewalk, even if they weren’t previously authorized to have a sidewalk cafe. Restaurants will also have the option to open their own backyards and patios. However, social distancing is required, with at least 6 feet between tables, and allow enough space on the sidewalk for pedestrians to pass. Only establishments that serve food are eligible. Curbside seating is not permitted in bus stops, fire hydrants and no standing zones. Customers cannot congregate if they aren’t seated at tables.
  - The City has established an expedited approval processes by allowing restaurants and bars to self-certify their eligibility for curb lane and sidewalk seating using a new, streamlined application process at NYC.Gov, which will be available starting Friday, June 19th. The mayor codified the guidance by signing Executive Order 126. See: Executive Order
    - in-store shopping,
    - office jobs;
    - hair salons and barbershops;
    - the real estate industry;
• car dealerships;
• City playgrounds—however, team sports, including basketball, football, softball and soccer, will remain prohibited.

- As part of the City’s entry into Phase 2 of the State’s “NY Forward” rubric, NYC Parks began re-opening playgrounds for the public effective today, Monday, June 22.
  - Comfort stations located within these previously closed areas are being reopened for the public. NYC Parks also began reactivating drinking water fountains within these areas.
  - NYC Parks staff is performing all necessary duties, including the removal of temporary fencing & barricades, to prepare the sites for safe public use and have these properties and features accessible as soon as possible.
  - The citywide enforcement effort to encourage social distancing among parkgoers remains in place, involving multiple City agencies, including NYPD, OSE, the Sheriff’s Office, DEP, DSNY, DOB, and FDNY. The City will continue to monitor conditions and determine if more severe restrictions are necessary.
  - To make it easier for New Yorkers to enjoy their parks and benefit from recreational opportunities, even if they’re staying indoors, NYC Parks has launched Parks@Home: a wide variety of online park tours, fitness classes and other fun activities. Get more information here: [https://www.nycgovparks.org/highlights/parks-at-home](https://www.nycgovparks.org/highlights/parks-at-home)
  - For all updates on park service changes and closures, please refer to the NYC Parks website: [https://www.nycgovparks.org/about/health-and-safety-guide/coronavirus](https://www.nycgovparks.org/about/health-and-safety-guide/coronavirus).

- **New York City Phase 1:**
  - construction for non-essential businesses;
  - retail - curbside pickup and in-store pick up where curbside not available;
  - agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting; and
  - retail trade, and wholesale trade.
Mayor Bill de Blasio announced that day camps that depend on city parks will be allowed to operate this summer.

NYC public beaches for swimming opened July 1. Lifeguards will be on duty daily from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Swimming is unsafe and strictly prohibited at all other times. See: Press Release

- In addition, the city will expand the cooling program installing air conditioners for low-income seniors, the number of outdoor cooling elements available for New Yorkers to enjoy during extreme heat. NYC Parks is adding brand new cooling elements within HVI 5/4 zones, and highlighting the existing 950 cooling elements citywide with a new Cool It! NYC map. See more Here

For indoor religious and funeral services, during Phase One reopening, congregant/attendee capacity was limited to 10 people. During Phases Two (starting Monday, June 22) and Three, occupancy is up but cannot exceed 25% of the maximum occupancy as set by certificates of occupancy and fire safety regulations.

During Phase Two, independent retail stores will once again be open to the public for browsing while adhering to State guidelines. Additionally, malls must remain closed to the public, but stores based in malls with their own street entrances can reopen; those without their own external entrances may conduct curbside delivery.

The city is launching a marketplace for reopening businesses where they can buy masks, face shields, gloves, cleaning and disinfecting products, physical barriers and portable furniture.

**Basic rules for all sectors:**
- Social Distancing
  - Require 6 feet of distance unless safety or core function of the work activity requires less
  - Reduce occupancy to under 50%, limit confined spaces to 1 person (elevators, behind cash registers)
  - Limit all in-person gatherings and meetings, and only hold them in large, well-ventilated areas with social distancing
• **PPE**
  - Provide employees with free face coverings or, if warranted, face shields or other proper protective equipment. Require face coverings if employees cannot keep 6 feet of distance due to safety or core work function.
  - **Hygiene**
    - Ensure frequent cleaning and disinfecting of any shared surfaces.
  - **Health Screenings**
    - Implement mandatory health screenings for employees, including questionnaires, temperature checks.

• **Communication**
  - Create and place distance markers, post signage throughout the workplace reminding personnel to adhere to phase 1 guidance and rules.
  - The Governor signed legislation authorizing Attorney General Tish James to enforce the price gouging statute to cover PPE. Read more [here](#).

• **Training and Implementation**
  - To help enforce the guidelines, DCWP, FDNY and DSNY will conduct random visits to reopening sites to ensure compliance. Summonsces will be issued only in egregious circumstances or repeat violations. Response to complaints will be coordinated by the Office of Special Enforcement with NYPD, Sheriff and other relevant agencies. People can call 311 to report a business that is violating guidelines.

• **Business Roll Out:**
  - The City will require Phase 1 businesses to post reopening safety plans in the workplace. The Department of Buildings, Department of Consumer and Worker Protection and Small Business Services will educate, conduct outreach and provide support to businesses.
  - The City is training small business advocates and compliance advisors. The City will publish plain language industry guides and launch a dedicated Business
Restart Hotline. In addition, Sector Advisory Councils will be available to troubleshoot additional necessary guidance or rule changes to help businesses succeed.

- The City announced the **Restaurant Revitalization Program**, a $3 million project to assist restaurants with “wage replacement” to retain current employees (or rehire those laid off) due to COVID-19. The program will prioritize neighborhoods hit hardest, including Washington Heights, Inwood, Hamilton Heights, Central Harlem, Morningside Heights, East Harlem, the Lower East Side, and Chinatown. The first round of applications are due June 19. [Learn more](#).

- **Six major retailers are requiring customers to wear face coverings while shopping at their stores nationwide**, including: Costco, C-Town, Gristedes and D'Agostino, Stop & Shop, Tops and Whole Foods. (July 1)

### NYC Resources for start-up:

- **Dedicated Business Restart** 888-SBS-4NYC (888-727-4692).
- Guides for industry employers are provided [here](#).
- The **Department of Citywide Administrative Services** (DCAS) will provide 2 million free face coverings to 40 local chamber and business groups [through June 8](#).

- **Business Reopening Information and Resources**: nyc.gov/business
- **Digital Resource Fairs** -Please visit [http://nycsmallbizcourses.eventbrite.com](http://nycsmallbizcourses.eventbrite.com) to sign up for this resource fair and to find all of our digital webinar offerings.
- **Face Covering Distribution**: For a list of distribution sites available, visit [https://www1.nyc.gov/nycbusiness/article/free-face-coverings](https://www1.nyc.gov/nycbusiness/article/free-face-coverings)

- **Financial Counseling for Businesses**: NYC.gov/talkmoney

- **311 Worker Protection Hotline** will launch on Monday, June 8, 2002. Worker rights and guidance can be found [here](#)

- **DOHMH COVID-19 Info**: Business & Facility Guidance

To help restaurants rebound, the NYC Department of Transportation and Department of Consumer and Worker Protection will streamline the permitting process for outdoor sidewalk seating. Restaurants will be able to convert adjacent parking spots into more seating with self-certification -- no permit will be needed. The City will allow restaurants to create seating areas in Open Streets sites, and identify new Open Streets on commercial strips with a high volume of restaurants. Interim Guidance For Outdoor And Take-Out/Delivery Food Services During The COVID-19 Public Health emergency:

- The Mayor extended the City’s overwhelmingly popular Open Restaurants program until the end of October, giving nearly 9,000 participating restaurants two extra months to serve diners in safe, socially distant outdoor spaces. The Mayor also unveiled 26 more locations for the weekend expansion of outdoor dining options under an initiative that combines two popular programs, Open Streets and Open Restaurants. See: Press Release (July 17)

- Construction:
  - The New York City Department of Buildings (DOB) released new COVID-19 safety guidelines for property owners and contractors as construction sites get back to work as part of New York City’s Phase One of New York State’s reopening plan, on June 8, 2020. These new required safety measures for construction sites were developed with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) and are being implemented to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus to workers and the public during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Read the guidelines.
  - The guidelines apply to all construction activity in New York City during the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency, until the State rescinds or amends
its Executive Order and related guidance. Stop Work Orders previously issued by
the Department for noncompliance with the State’s non-essential construction
ban will be lifted. The Department will not be lifting Stop Work Orders at sites
that illegally continued work even after they were issued a Stop Work Order for
violating the ban, and have outstanding civil penalties.

- Employers are also required to develop a site-specific health plan that is
  prominently visible on the worksite. They will also be required to submit and
display an affirmation to the State that they have read and understood the
additional reopening requirements as required in the NYS Interim Guidelines.

- DOB inspectors will be conducting a safety inspection sweep of every permitted
  construction site in New York City, and following up with additional periodic
  checks of active work sites. Members of the public can also call 311 to report a
  work site where proper COVID-19 safety measures are not being followed. During
  these sweeps, inspectors will be looking for the following:
  
  ▪ Compliance with social distancing protocols. Six feet of distance should be
    observed between all personnel, unless safety or work functions require
    shorter distance.
  
  ▪ Anyone on site, including workers, other construction professionals, and
    approved visitors, who are less than six feet apart must wear face coverings.
    Maintaining this practice at all times is highly encouraged.
  
  ▪ Readily available hygiene and hand washing stations.
  
  ▪ COVID-19 safety measures signage visible to workers, reminding everyone to
    adhere to all safety protocols while on site, including proper hand hygiene,
    physical distancing rules, appropriate use of personal protective equipment,
    and cleaning and disinfecting protocols.
  
  ▪ Tightly confined spaces (e.g., elevators, hoists) occupied by only one
    individual at a time, unless all occupants are wearing a face covering and the
    space is kept under 50% maximum capacity.
  
  ▪ For elevators and hoists, 50% capacity signage must be posted within the cab
    and at each landing.
  
  ▪ A site safety monitor must be designated. The role’s responsibilities include
    continuous compliance with all aspects of the site safety plan.
• Safety plan(s) are conspicuously posted on site and include a copy of the submitted State affirmation.
• Properly completed and updated cleaning and disinfection logs.
• A communication plan for employees, visitors, and clients is on site.
• Correctly completed and updated logs of every person who may have had close contact with others on site to ensure effective contact tracing.

• Health/Medical Coverage:
  o **The deadline for state health insurance special enrollment has been extended to August 15, 2020.** New Yorkers without health insurance can apply for coverage through the [NY State of Health Plan Marketplace](https://www.health.ny.gov/).
  o New York City hospitals are now eligible to resume elective surgeries and ambulatory care. (June 8)
  o **NYC Care will expand to Queens and Manhattan, four months ahead of schedule.** This is a Citywide effort to guarantee health care for all New Yorkers. NYC Care currently serves the Bronx, Brooklyn and Staten Island by providing access to low-cost and no-cost primary care for those who are ineligible or can’t afford insurance, and helps fight healthcare disparities made clear by COVID-19. It is expected to reach nearly 54,000 residents; 44,000 residents in Queens and 10,000 residents in Manhattan.

• Mass Transit:
  o **The myMTA app now features bus ridership information in real time.** To help avoid crowding on buses as New York City reopens, the MTA has added a feature to its myMTA app to provide the real-time number of riders on any given bus line.
  o The NYC Fair Fares program is now accepting applications. Eligible New Yorkers receive a 50% discount on subway and eligible bus fares. Click [here](https://www.nyc.gov) to determine your eligibility and apply. Click [here](https://www.nyc.gov) for more information on the Fair Fares program.
The MTA announced they have deployed PPE vending machines stocked with masks and hand sanitizer as a pilot program at 10 stations. Eight of the vending machine locations are in Manhattan:

- 14 St-Union Square
- 34 St-Herald Square (two machines)
- 34 St-Penn Station
- 42 St-Port Authority Bus Terminal
- 42 St-Times Square (two machines)
- 59 St-Columbus Circle
- 74 St-Roosevelt Av

Masks are mandatory when riding public transportation systems and New Yorkers should follow all guidelines and protocols when riding, including maintaining social distancing to the extent possible, using hand sanitizer and observing decal guidance.

The city’s subway and bus system has resumed service.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) unveiled its 13-Point Action Plan for A Safe Return. Subways and buses were moving 1.5 million customers in advance of the re-open. For more information on the MTA’s 13-Point Action Plan, visit here.

The 13-Point Action Plan includes:

- Increased Service
- Cleaning & Disinfecting
- Mandatory Face Coverings
- Enhanced Safety & Security
- Nation-Leading Employee Safety Initiatives
- Innovative Cleaning Solutions
- Hand Sanitizer
- Floor Markings, Directional Arrows and New Signage
- Staggered Business Hours
- 2 Million Mask Contribution from State & City
- Contactless Payments
New Partnership & Technology to Make System Safer and data dashboard

- The Governor has asked that commuters unsatisfied with bus or subway service during reopening call 511 with complaints.
- Mayor de Blasio announced that approximately 800 NYPD school safety agency will be deployed throughout the transit system to distribute face masks and encourage social distancing. (June 8)

- **Bus Service:**
  - Bus are running on regular weekday/closed school service in Brooklyn, The Bronx, Queens, and Staten Island. Buses are operating and Manhattan Express bus service has also been restored.
  - With shield installation for the drivers, front-door boarding and fare collection on buses will resume in the near future, possibly in August. In the interim, back-door boarding continues.
  - The city will create new five busways — where most regular cars are banned, allowing for faster and more frequent bus service — starting with Main Street in Flushing, Queens this month. Between July and October, busways will be added on Fifth Ave. in Manhattan, Jamaica Ave. in Queens, Jay Street in Brooklyn and 181st Street in Manhattan.
  - There will also be four new bus lanes on E. 14th St. in Manhattan, 149th St. in the Bronx, Hylan Blvd. on Staten Island and Merrick Blvd. in Queens — for a total of 20 miles of busways and bus lanes serving 750,000 riders.

- **The Staten Island Ferry,** which had its service reduced, will begin running every 20-minutes at rush hour (6:00 am-9:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.) and 30-minute service (5:30 a.m.-6:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m./Weekends 7:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.) Markers will be in place to demonstrate six feet of social distancing. Face coverings and hand sanitizer will be widely available and distributed.

- **Metro-North and Long Island Railroad:** Both MTA commuter rails systems have expanded their limited-service schedules. Metro-North now runs additional city-bound trains in the morning and in the opposite direction in the evening and LIRR has increased capacity, and according to media reports
will be at 90% service. Ticket counters remain closed. Passengers must use kiosks or the MTA app.

- **New Jersey Transit**: Trains and buses are operating on full schedules. The concourse in New York’s Penn Station will be closed for cleaning every night between 1 a.m. and 5 a.m., but customers can still enter via the main entrance on 7th Avenue and 32nd Street. Passengers with paper tickets will be asked to tear them to minimize hand-to-hand contact with staff.

- **Testing and Treatment updates in NYC and State:**
  - NYC and New York State have expanded coronavirus testing criteria to include all New Yorkers.
    - Any New Yorker can go to any of the State's [750+ testing sites](#) and get a test at no cost.
  - **New City Testing Partnerships (July 13)**
    - **Ramon Velez Health Center** (Currently Open)
      - 754 E. 151st Street, Bronx
      - Monday - Friday 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
      - Appointment required
    - **Clay Avenue Health Center 1** (Currently Open)
      - 776 Clay Avenue, Bronx
      - Monday - Friday 9:00AM-4:00 PM
      - Appointment required
    - **Casa Maria Health Center** (Currently Open)
      - 324 E. 149th Street, Bronx
      - Monday - Friday 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
      - Appointment required
    - **Claremont Health Center** (Currently Open)
      - 262 E. 174th Street, Bronx
      - Monday - Friday 9:00 AM-4:00 PM
      - Appointment required
    - **Thomas and Marie White Health Center** (Currently Open)
      - 116-30 Sutphin Boulevard, Queens
      - Monday - Friday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM
      - Appointment required
• **Hope Gardens** (Opens tomorrow, July 14th)
  - 120 Menahan Street, Brooklyn
  - Monday - Friday 10:00 AM-4:00 PM
  - Appointment required

• The City will also operate additional testing sites through Union Community Health Centers:
  - **Union Community Health Center**: (Currently Open)
    - 260 East 188th Street, Bronx
    - Monday - Friday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
    - Rapid Care hours: Monday-Friday 3:00 PM -9:00 PM. Saturday-Sunday 10:00 AM-6:00 PM
    - Appointment required

• **Grand Concourse**
  - 2021 Grand Concourse, Bronx
  - Monday - Friday 9:00 AM- 5:00 PM
  - Appointment required

• The following sites will open through a partnership with the Institute for Family Health:
  - **Stevenson Family Health Center** (PCR Testing Only; Opens August 3rd)
    - 731 White Plains Road, Bronx
      - Governor Cuomo announced the state is opening 14 new temporary testing sites at churches located in communities particularly impacted by COVID-19, in partnership with Northwell Health and SOMOS Community Care. (June 8)
      - Tracing will be included with coronavirus testing.
      - The goal is to have 5,000-10,000 tracers.
      - Individuals who test positive for coronavirus will receive a call from a tracer 24 - 36 hours after being tested. The Mayor urges everyone to answer the call.
      - New York City will launch **mobile testing** to come out to the community.
        - An additional 10 trucks will be available in July providing 80 test per truck per day.
      - For more information on testing, [visit here](#).
      - Upcoming Antibody testing:
Antibody testing will be offered on an appointment-only basis from Monday, June 29 to Friday, July 24. Tests are free for all City residents over the age of 18, and available at the below sites Monday- Friday from 12:00 PM-8:00 PM or Saturday through Sunday 8:00 AM-12:00 PM. Appointments can be made on this site or by calling 1-888-279-0967:

**Brooklyn**
Brooklyn P.S. 12
430 Howard Avenue

**Queens**
Queens High School of Teaching
74-20 Commonwealth Blvd

**Manhattan**
Gregorio Luperon High School for Science and Mathematics
501 West 165th Street

**Bronx**
James Monroe HS Campus Annex
1551 East 172nd Street

**Staten Island**
Former St. John Villa High School
57 Cleveland Place

Free, walk-in antibody testing is now available at H+H Gotham Community Health Centers across the city. Additional information, including hours of operation, can be found here.

**Brooklyn**

Cumberland, 100 North Portland Avenue
Ida G. Israel, 2925 W 19th Street
Jonathan Williams Houses, 333 Roebling Street
East New York, 2094 Pitkin Avenue

**Queens**
Woodside, 50-53 Newtown Road

**Manhattan**

Gouverneur, 227 Madison Street
Dyckman, 175 Nagle Avenue
Sydenham, 264 W 118 Street
Bronx
Belvis, 545 East 142nd Street
Morrisania, 1225 Gerard Avenue

Staten Island
165 Vanderbilt Avenue

- **Tracing and Isolating in NYC:**
  - New Yorkers with positive results are now receiving calls. Anyone safely separated at home will be offered meal delivery, medication and essential services through a Resource Navigator. Anyone unable to safely isolate at home will be offered a **free** hotel room. Contact mapping, case monitoring and outreach to contacts all began yesterday.
  - If you test positive you will be called within 24 hours by a Tracer. The call will last 30-45 minutes and you will be asked about your symptoms, your recent close contacts and how to reach them, and your tracer will give you instructions on how to safely separate for up to 14 days.
  - If you *can* safely separate at home, you’ll get a same-day call from a Resource Navigator offering services including meals and medication. If you *cannot* safely isolate at home, you’ll receive a same-day call providing you with a free hotel room, and instructions on how to separate there.
  - If you are named as a contact, a tracer will call you to ask about your symptoms, offer instructions on how and where to get tested immediately, and give instructions about how to safely separate for 14 days, either at home or at a free hotel. You will then receive daily follow-up to ensure you get tested.

- **Housing:**
  - The following is the Office of Rent Administration’s Borough and District Rent Offices new procedural guidance for office visits:
    - Service will be provided to visitors to the office **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.** If you cannot come alone, please minimize the number of guests accompanying you.
    - Appointments must be scheduled at least one day in advance, and no more than two weeks in advance.
To schedule an appointment or to receive assistance over the phone, please contact:

- Lower Manhattan: 212-480-6238
- Upper Manhattan: 212-961-8930
- Westchester: 914-948-4434
- Queens: 718-482-4041
- Brooklyn: 718-722-4778
- Bronx: 718-430-0880

- All visitors will be required to wear face masks. Information will be provided at our service window. Visitors with an illness or fever are being directed to seek service over the phone or by email.

- Visitors are required to bring: proof of identity and proof of tenancy or ownership, any orders, notices or documents they want to review and discuss.

- Maximum length of time for an appointment is 30 minutes. Visitors who arrive after their 30-minute allotted time frame will need to reschedule. Please arrive early, as extra time will be needed to clear building security and elevator passenger limits.

- For details on the new Procedures for Office Visits and related guidance please see: Notice

- Renters who have been impacted by the coronavirus pandemic can apply for rental assistance from $100 million in federal funds, set aside by the state, in the form of a one-time rental subsidy paid directly to landlords, the Times Union reports. Tenants are not required to repay this assistance. The program is administered by New York State Homes and Community Renewal (HCR) and access to program applications will be available here, starting July 16. HCR will prioritize households with greatest economic and social need, accounting for income, rent burden, percent of income lost and risk of homelessness. See: Press Release

- The Mayor along with the Racial Inclusion & Equity Taskforce announced a new program to increase housing security to tenants across the City who may be facing hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Starting immediately, the
Citywide Landlord-Tenant Mediation Project will serve hundreds of New Yorkers each month by addressing rent-related issues in a mediation setting, outside of the housing court system, with a focus on hardest hit communities.

- Through this project, non-profit Community Dispute Resolution Centers (CDRCs) will assist tenants and small landlords in finding solutions to rental issues due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The goal is to resolve cases before they reach litigation and avoid the long-term effects of an eviction proceeding which can lead to displacement for vulnerable tenants and limit future housing options. The Mediation Project will handle cases in a setting where both parties feel safe, and priority will be given to tenants and small landlords who do not have legal representation. See: Press Release (July 21)

**Education/Child Care:**
- New York City's Board of Health approved a plan to reopen 3,000 child care centers citywide starting July 13. See: Press Release

- **The Mayor with the education Chancellor announced preliminary reopening plans for schools for fall 2020.** The plans provide for staggered schedules, a mix of in-person and remote learning. Families will also have the option to do online learning full time if they don't feel safe returning to school in person. The DOE will host a series of Family & Student Information Sessions to answer any questions or concerns that families may have. The first session will be held on July 16, and additional sessions will be announced in the coming weeks. Schedules will be distributed in August. For more information, see: Press Release.

- The NYC Department of Education launched a process allowing parents to opt out of in-person instruction this fall in favor of remote learning. Families can opt-out at this website or by calling 311. Parents’ decisions could have an enormous effect on schools, which will allow most students to return to school buildings for one to three days each week.

- Governor Cuomo announced initial plans and data-driven guidance that will determine when k-12 secular and non-secular schools can reopen in the fall, and
when schools might close again if infections surge. School districts must submit their reopening plans to the state by the end of the month, and the state will make its final decisions during the first week of August. Schools in a region can reopen if that region is in Phase IV of reopening and if its daily infection rate remains below 5 percent or lower using a 14-day average. New York State, the Reimagine Education Advisory Council and the Department of Health released finalized guidance and guiding principles for reopening schools, which are available here. The DOH and Governor's Reimagine Council are working closely with the Department of Education as it releases education guidance. Schools will have to factor in social distancing, screening of anyone entering and demonstrate tracing capabilities, among other conditions in order to reopen. Face coverings will also be required anytime social distancing is not permitted and strongly encouraged all other times, except during meals and short breaks. In each of the 10 state’s regions, if the infection rate exceeds 9% on a seven-day average, then schools would have to close for in-person classes.

- **Libraries:**
  - The city’s library systems **will reopen** a limited number of branches on **July 13** for “grab and go” service, where patrons can pick up books they order in advance. NYPL, Brooklyn, and Queens library systems are looking to reopen physical locations in July on a limited basis. Working with partners in government and safety experts, and putting the health and safety of patrons and staff first. The New York Public Library is planning to:
    - To start, the first two branches will be open Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 11 am – 6 pm; Wednesday from 12 – 7 pm; and Friday and Saturday: 11 am – 5 pm.
    - **The Epiphany Library** (228 E 23rd St.),
    - **George Bruce Library** (518 W 125th St.), and
    - **Stavros Niarchos Foundation Libraries** (the old Mid-Manhattan Library, 455 Fifth Ave. at 40th St., M-F 10 am – 6 pm, Sat. 11 am – 6 pm).
    - Patrons may start placing holds via the **online catalog** starting Monday, July 6 in advance of the reopening, or via phone starting July 13; upon
arrival, they will be able to access a small area of each branch to pick up and return reserved materials while wearing masks and observing proper social distancing. (Research libraries, including the Fifth Avenue flagship, will remain closed; but researchers will soon be able to request scans of materials.)

- **Queens Public Library (QPL)**
  - Queens Public Library is beginning to open with limited “to-go” service and book returns six days a week, which started on Monday, July 13th, 2020. Individuals can request materials to pick up online, through the QPL app, or by phone. For more information including related to the hours and locations of the grab-and-go sites, click [here](#).

- **Brooklyn Public Library (BPL)**
  - Lobby Service is now open at seven Brooklyn Public Library locations. Through Lobby Service, patrons can pick up holds in one of those seven branch lobbies and return books to bins in the lobbies. For more information and to find out the hours and locations of the grab-and-go sites, click [here](#).
  - Learn about grab-and-go branches in The Bronx and Staten Island at the NYPL’s Coronavirus page. (The Queens and Brooklyn libraries are also starting grab-and-go services at limited branches on July 13.)
  - The staff and public will be required to wear face coverings, and maintain appropriate physical distance; the libraries will also employ special cleaning protocols to lower the risk of COVID-19
  - After an evaluation, additional branches will be added, and when safe, the system will open more branches for increased on-site use (computer use and browsing, for example)
  - At research centers (where most materials cannot be checked out), the system will focus on expanded and enhanced digital delivery of on-site materials until they can welcome the public into the physical venue space
  - Continue to [check for updates](#) on website
• **Volunteer Opportunities:**
  o The City’s Commission on Gender Equity has shared a short survey for New York City residents ages 18 and older to help inform an equitable recovery from COVID-19 in NYC.
  o Blood Donation
    ▪ [New York Blood Center Issued Urgent Call For Healthy Donors As Blood Supply Drops To Dangerously Low Levels: Call for Donation](https://nybloodcenter.org/).
    ▪ New York State is working with blood banks to ensure safe social distancing protocols are being followed. Learn how and where you can donate at ny.gov/donateblood.
    ▪ New Yorkers who have recovered from COVID-19 and had a positive test BEFORE March 7 should visit [www.mountsinai.org](http://www.mountsinai.org) to help save another New Yorker by donating plasma.
  o [New York Cares](https://www.newyorkcares.org/) is seeking volunteers in many capacities, on-the-ground service, or virtual opportunities. Please see more than 250 projects currently in need of volunteer support.
  o The nonprofit West Side Federation for Senior & Supportive Housing has launched a drive for everything from volunteer support, to potential vendor connections, to donated foodstuffs, activity books, and technology. [Click here](https://www.westsidedons.com/) to learn more and lend a hand.
  o The Hunter College NYC Food Policy Center is recruiting volunteer callers to help update their [59 Coronavirus NYC Neighborhood Food Resource Guides](https://www.foodpolicycenter.org/coronavirus/59-food-resource-guides/). These guides are essential to helping keep communities informed on everything from soup kitchens to farmers markets to available resources for families depending on the SNAP and WIC programs. If you are interested in volunteering, please
email info@nycfoodpolicy.org with the subject line: “Volunteer for Food Resource Guides.”

- Sign up as a volunteer for the Friendly Visiting Program at 212-244-6469. Please click here and complete the DFTA Volunteer Interest Form.
- In It Together NYC is a city-wide volunteer initiative that connects healthy, eligible New Yorkers who seek to assist food pantries at risk of closing.
- iMentor, a nonprofit matching high school student to college-educated mentors, is seeking new mentors to work with students starting this fall (many of whom will need all the help they can get to recover academically from this pause). Interested applicants can learn more and apply here, or email sjoseph@imentor.org with questions.
- SAGE has a volunteer program that connects volunteers with LGBTQ+ seniors to help combat social isolation.

**Recreation in NYC:**

- The Mayor announced that 8 public pools are open starting July 23 with additional pools opening in the future. The pools open: Mullaly in The Bronx; Liberty and Fisher in Queens; Sunset and Kosciusko in Brooklyn; Wagner in Manhattan; and Tottenville and Lyons on Staten Island.
- The Mayor indicated that playgrounds have opened in phase II.
- To keep kids cool this summer, The City is expanding its Cool It! program by restaurants activating 250 new cooling elements and proactively adding spray caps to 320 fire hydrants. In addition, the City is installing air conditioners for low-income seniors, with over 18,000 units already installed. To see if you're eligible to receive a free air conditioner, click here.
- Mayor de Blasio announced that select Open Streets will become “Cool Streets,” -in neighborhoods vulnerable to heat-related health risks-- with spray caps on fire hydrants, water fountains, and trees for shade cover. Find your nearest sprinkler hydrant, fountain, or tree-friendly street here; Manhattan will have four Cool Streets:
  - East 101st Street, from Park to Third Ave.
  - West 117th Street, from Morningside to Fifth Ave.
- West 138th Street, from Lenox Ave. to Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. Boulevard
- Edgecombe Avenue, from St. Nicholas Place to West 145th St.

- **NYC cancelled large street festivals, fairs and parades at least through September prioritizing city space for public use, social distancing and outdoor dining.**
- Mayor Bill de Blasio announced that day camps that depend on city parks will be allowed to operate this summer.
- The Mayor announced that public beaches for swimming will open July 1. Lifeguards will be on duty daily from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Swimming is unsafe and strictly prohibited at all other times. See: Press Release
- **The High Line in New York City will reopen July 16th.** The elevated park will open with reduced capacity and free time-entry reservations.
- **The city’s zoos and aquariums plan to open on July 24** at limited capacity, assuming New York City is in phase four by then. Proper safety protocols will be implemented. Reopening guidelines and the list of facilities set to open can be found here.
- The Mayor added another 23 miles to New York City’s nation-leading Open Streets program, bringing the citywide total to 67 miles – two-thirds of the way to the 100-mile goal laid out in late April. The new Open Streets, which are located primarily in neighborhoods hit hard by the COVID-19 crisis, include nine miles of temporary protected bike lanes. The Open Streets hours will be from 8am - 8pm. You can find the list of Open Streets here.
  - The nine new miles of bike corridors, like the first nine miles of temporary lanes announced in May, will be phased in throughout the summer using markings, barrels, signage, and other barriers, to implement both permanent and temporary projects along with critical connectors from already-established protected lanes. During the rollout of these bike lanes, DOT will also be implementing new Green Wave signal timing in various corridors.

<p>| Protected Bike Lanes | | | | |</p>
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- **Summer Programs & Events**
  - **Growing Up NYC** has compiled a list of free or low-cost summer programs for students. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, some summer programs will be held virtually. Individuals can find information regarding virtual programs through Growing Up NYC's website.
  - **Generation NYC** has created a fun at home guide for teens and young adults. Activities include art workshops, virtual science fairs, and more.
  - Registration is now open for the **Harlem Summer Arts Experience** virtual summer camp for kids ages 5-18. For a complete list of classes, and to register, click [here](#).
  - **New York Public Library Summer Reading Program**
    The [New York Public Library](#) has launched its Summer Reading Program. For more information and to see all the Summer Reading Program has to offer, click [here](#).
  - **Queens Public Library Summer Reading Program**
    [Queens Public Library](#) is offering a virtual Summer Reading Program. Children can earn badges, play games, and track their progress through the Queens Public Library [website](#).
  - **Brooklyn Public Library Summer Reading Program**
    [Brooklyn Public Library](#) is once again offering a summer reading program.
Families can access virtual programming, including story times, games, arts and crafts, and performances. For more information on their summer reading program, click [here](#).

- Although [El Museo del Barrio](#) is temporarily closed, you are invited to explore their website to learn about Latino art and culture through online resources. Click [here](#) to access upcoming exhibitions and past exhibitions offered by El Museo del Barrio.

- [The Jewish Museum](#) is offering mobile tours, programs, and an online collection spanning 4,000 years of history.

- The [Bryant Park Yoga Series](#) goes virtual every Tuesday and Wednesday on [Instagram](#), where you can practice with your favorite yoga instructors. Click [here](#) to join the Instagram class at or just before 10:00 AM, and tap or click the profile picture (circle on top left corner) to view the live video. You can watch live videos on the Instagram app or on Instagram.com.

- [The Bronx Council on the Arts](#) is presenting their virtual exhibit, entitled [Confidence in the Future](#). This exhibit highlights paintings, sculptures, and installations by eight young artists of color.

- [The SOOP (Seat-Of-Our-Pants) Theatre Company](#) has re-imagined its summer program. All classes will be online and hosted via zoom. Students will sing, dance, and imagine costumes and sets, and use some artistic skills to develop a backdrop for their character straight from their home using materials they already have. Each age level will record their singing (with a grownup for help) on a very easy to navigate website. All acting and scene work will be recorded during class time and put together for a final presentation you can keep for years to come. What a great time to use the imagination and create something fun! Click [here](#) to see the summer workshops, and to register.

- [NYC & Co.](#) offers an opportunity to explore the best of the City virtually, by rounding up online resources from museums, galleries, comedy clubs, theaters, and other venues in one, easy-to-click location. Click [here](#) for hundreds of ways to connect with your favorite NYC attractions from across the five boroughs—or discover new ones—from home.
• ADA 30
  o The New York City Mayor’s Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) is facilitating a month of fully online programming in celebration of the 30th anniversary of the passage and signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Events include a disability history exhibit, digital accessibility workshops, and panels on a variety of topics such as advocacy, tourism, employment, and transportation. On July 26th, the anniversary of the signing, MOPD and members of the disability community are hosting Disability Unite, a four-hour live-streamed event full of music, dance, discussion, live gaming, and more. A full calendar of City-run and community events can be found at NYC.gov/ADA30.
    ▪ Calendar of Events: the calendar
  o New York State offers many opportunities for travelers with accessibility needs. Hundreds of attractions across the state offer accessibility features, with some even providing specialty programming like sensory-friendly museum days and adaptive skiing and snowboarding. A new I Love NY hub has all the details.

STATEWIDE INFORMATION
• The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey and regional airports will now require out-of-state visitors or returning New Yorkers at airports to provide contact information (via forms distributed by airlines) upon arrival at airports as part of a new effort to enforce the state’s 14-day quarantine of people coming from states with high levels of infections. A forthcoming executive order will outline a hearing process that would determine whether people who refuse to provide such information could be placed into a mandatory quarantine – in addition to facing a $2,000 fine. See: Press Release
  o As part of the enforcement operation, enforcement teams will be stationed at airports statewide to meet arriving aircrafts at gates and greet disembarking passengers to request proof of completion of the State Department of Health traveler form, which is being distributed to passengers by airlines prior to,
and upon boarding or disembarking flights to New York State. A new electronic version of the DOH traveler form is now also available, making it easier and more efficient for travelers to complete the form.

- State DOH has also issued an emergency health order mandating that all out-of-state travelers from designated states complete the DOH traveler form upon entering New York. Travelers who leave the airport without completing the form will be subject to a $2,000 fine and may be brought to a hearing and ordered to complete mandatory quarantine. Airlines have all pledged to help make passengers aware of the new requirement using pre-flight emails, pre-flight announcements, in-flight announcements and other methods. Additionally, travelers coming to New York from designated states through other means of transport, including trains and cars, must fill out the DOHtraveler form online.

- Governor Cuomo along with Govs. Phil Murphy of New Jersey and Ned Lamont of Connecticut announced that all travelers from states that meet specific health metrics must immediately enter a 14-day quarantine upon arrival in any of the three states. In NYS, the order will take the form of a travel advisory and took effect on June 25. It will apply to states with infection rates that exceed 10 people per 100,000 on a seven-day rolling average, or if 10 percent of the total population tests positive on a seven-day rolling average.

- Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Tuesday, July 21 added 10 states and removed one from a list that requires travelers from those states to quarantine for 14 days after arriving in New York. The 10 states added to the list are Alaska, Delaware, Indiana, Maryland, Missouri, Montana, North Dakota, Nebraska, Virginia and Washington. The list now includes 31 states, after Minnesota was removed: Alaska, Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Missouri, Mississippi, Montana, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nebraska, New Mexico, Nevada, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington and Wisconsin. See Press Release (July 21)
On Wednesday, June 25, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo added **Alabama, Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, North Carolina, South Carolina, Washington, Utah and Texas**, to the quarantine list. Anyone found out of compliance will be subject to a judicial order and a mandatory quarantine, Cuomo said. Fines can range from $2,000 to $10,000 depending on whether it is the first offense and if harm is caused. The advisory not only applies to out-of-state residents. Any New Yorker who leaves to visit those states would be subject to quarantine upon their return. **The tri-state initiative will use uniform parameters and messaging on highways, airports, websites and social media across the three states.** The three states will also ask hotels to communicate the 14-day quarantine to guests who have traveled from one of the impacted states. See: [Press Release (June 25)]

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced that eight additional states meet the metrics to qualify for the travel advisory requiring individuals who have traveled to New York from those states, all of which have significant community spread, to quarantine for 14 days. **The newly-added states are: California, Georgia, Iowa, Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nevada and Tennessee.** The quarantine applies to any person arriving from a state with a positive test rate higher than 10 per 100,000 residents over a 7-day rolling average or a state with a 10% or higher positivity rate over a 7-day rolling average. (June 30)

New York State added three additional states to the travel advisory: **Delaware, Kansas and Oklahoma** (July 7) See: [Press Release](

On Tuesday, New York, New Jersey and Connecticut have added another four states to the list of places from which incoming visitors must quarantine for two weeks when they arrive in the tri-state region. The newly-added states are Minnesota, New Mexico, Ohio and Wisconsin. Delaware has been removed. See: [Press Release](

**Governor Cuomo** announced that the metrics of success in the state's fight against COVID-19 will change. Now, state officials will report on the **percentage of people who test positive** for the coronavirus.
Currently, about 1% of people are testing positive for the coronavirus across the state. You can view the new state dashboard here.

- **State Metrics for Reopening by the region:** [Guide for Reopening New York](#) and [NYForwardGuide](#)
- **NYS Reopening Tracker - Regions and Counties:** [Tracker Spreadsheet](#)
- **New State early warning dashboard** that aggregates the state's expansive data collection efforts for New Yorkers, government officials and experts to monitor and review how the virus is being contained on an ongoing basis has been posted. It tracks new infections and their severity, hospital capacity by region, and other metrics. The early warning system dashboard was developed in consultation with internationally-known experts who have been advising New York State. The early warning dashboard can be found here.
- The State has released a [New York Forward Business Reopening Web Tool](#), which helps small businesses determine if they have met the criteria for reopening.
- Employers must read their relevant industry guidance, [complete this affirmation form](#) to indicate compliance with guidelines, and [develop a safety plan](#) to be posted where employees can see it at the place of business.
- **Chief Judge Janet DiFiore Delivers OPENING Message on COVID-19 and the New York State Courts:** [Opening Message](#) and for a transcript of the Chief Judge's message, please follow this link: [www.nycourts.gov](#)
- Phase four opening will **not** include the opening of shopping malls, movie theaters, water parks, gyms or casinos.
- The governor announced that air conditioning filters with a Minimum Efficiency Reporting Value (MERV) rating capable of filtering COVID-19 particles or similar air exchange measures will be mandatory for large mall reopening. A COVID-19 particle is approximately 0.125 microns in diameter. Filters with a high MERV, such as High Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) filters, have been shown to help reduce the presence of COVID-19 in air filtration systems. (June 29)
- **Regions in New York in phase four of reopening:** Central New York, the Finger Lakes, the Mohawk Valley, the North Country, Western New York, Capital
District, the Southern Tier, Mid-Hudson, Long Island and New York City (with additional restrictions)

- **Phase 4 Guidance:** [Here](#) (Higher education, Professional sports without fans, Arts and entertainment—low risk, Film and TV production)
  - Will Permit Social Gatherings of 50 People and Indoor Religious Gatherings at 33 Percent Capacity
  - The Governor approved the reopening of indoor shopping malls outside New York City starting Friday, July 10 provided the establishments have installed new air filters that remove coronavirus particles from the air.
  - New York City reached phase 4 of reopening with some modifications to further restrict risk for community spread. Malls and museums will not reopen out of abundance of caution. No additional indoor activity will open due to concerns about spread of the virus. See: [AP News](#)

- **New York State Forward guidance for phase three** can be found [here](#)

- **Phase 3 Guidance:** [NYS Food Service Guidance Phase 3](#)

- **Phase 3 Guidance:** Personal Care [NYS Personal Care/Salons Guidance Phase 3](#)

- Gatherings of 25 people or less will be permitted in phase 3 reopening: [Gatherings](#)

- **New York State Forward guidance for phase two** reopening can be found [here](#)

- **Health care/Nursing Homes**
  - **Health Coverage:** The state is extending the special open enrollment period in the New York State of Health Plan Marketplace for an additional 30 days through July 15, 2020. See: [nystateofhealth.ny.gov](http://nystateofhealth.ny.gov).
  - The state will begin allowing hospital visitations, but the visitors must wear masks, limit their time in the hospital and be subject to having their temperature taken as they enter. Visitations will be at the discretion of the hospital. Visitations to nursing homes remain suspended.
  - **State Department of Health Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker announced nursing homes and long term care facilities in New York will be allowed to resume limited visitations** for facilities that have been without COVID-19 for at least 28 days, a threshold set by the federal Centers for
Residents in these facilities will be allowed two visitors at a time, and the visitors must undergo temperature checks, wear face coverings and socially distance during the visit. At least one of the two visitors must be at least 18 years of age or older. For each facility, only 10 percent of the residents can be allowed visitors at any time; for example, in a 100-bed facility no more than 10 residents can have visitors per day in order to maintain proper social distancing and ensure safe compliance. Nursing Homes accepting visitors will be required to send their visitation plan to NYSDOH and affirmatively attest that they are following the guidance outlined here.

The Health Commissioner also announced the resumption of on-site visitation for the state’s Long-Term Care Ombudsman program, which provides additional support to residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities, effective July 15, 2020. Ombudsman staff must utilize appropriate PPE for the duration of the visit, and must be screened as if they were a staff person of such nursing home, including having to present a verified negative test result to the nursing home within the past week. See: Press Release.

- The Department of Health will adjust the visitation policy as appropriate based on facts and data following this initial phase to ensure the health and safety of residents, staff and visitors. View State DOH guidance for resumption of limited visitation at nursing homes, adult care facilities and pediatric skilled nursing facilities.

- Reopening of Establishments:
  - Scheduled
    - Summer day camps and child care may open statewide on June 29. See: State Guidance on how they should operate
      - New York will allow libraries to open for curbside service in Phase 1 of a region's reopening and allow limited in-person pickup in Phases 2/3. Libraries received guidance in recent days on how they can proceed with providing services to residents in their communities as regions reopen.
Governor Cuomo announced that **places of worship** will be permitted to reopen with 25% occupancy during Phase Two, accelerating plans to reopen.

Service goers will still have to maintain social distance.

The Governor announced that low-risk youth sports, with two spectators for each child, can resume starting July 6 in phase three of the opening process [Press Release](#).

All group homes certified by the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities can begin visitations on Friday, June 19 as long as they notify the state and follow state guidelines. (June 16)

### Approved to reopen:

- Dental Offices
- Veterinary Offices with limitations
- Landscaping and Gardening, Drive-In Theaters
- The Governor announced that outdoor, socially distanced [graduation ceremonies](#) will be allowed starting on June 26, the governor announced Sunday. No more than 150 people can take part in each ceremony, however – a condition that suggests that all but the smallest schools will have to break up their festivities into multiple gatherings. See: [Press Release (June 7)](#)

- The Governor approved the reopening of indoor shopping malls outside New York City starting Friday, July 10 provided the establishments have installed new air filters that remove coronavirus particles from the air.

- Governors Island is reopening starting July 8 with [early access ferry tickets are available for reservation](#). Seniors, young people (under 12), NYCHA residents and IDNYC cardholders ride free, instead of paying $3. Socially-distanced ferries will start running again next Wednesday (7/15) at 10 am, and Manhattan ferries will run daily from the Battery Maritime Building at 10 South Street.
• **Workplace information:**
  o The governor issued an executive order allowing commercial buildings to conduct temperature checks on people entering. Read the order [here](#).
  o The U.S. Centers for Disease Control has released a new set of guidelines for how the risk of coronavirus can be mitigated in the workplace. Temperature checks for employees, plastic shields between desks and wearing face coverings at all times are among the recommendations. The CDC also recommends employees drive to work by themselves.

• **Child Care:**
  o Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that $65 million in federal CARES Act funding is available for child care providers statewide through the New York Forward Child Care Expansion Incentive program. The funding available includes:
    ▪ $20 million to assist childcare program with reopening and expansion of capacity by providing materials to support a more socially distant model, and for supplies and activities associated with reopening and expansion. This may include partitions, short term rental of space, etc.
    ▪ $45 million in childcare Reopening and Expansion Incentive funds to pay for 50% of the cost of a newly opened classroom (maximum grant amount of $6,000) as an incentivize to open the classroom. The temporary funds will phase out over the second and third months as more parents bring their children back into childcare.
    ▪ To be eligible for reopening funds, child care programs must have either been closed as of June 15 and have a plan to reopen within two weeks of applying or currently operating below their licensed capacity and would like to expand. The grants will be pro-rated as programs reach capacity. Programs must submit a detailed plan for use of funds and must remain open at least through the end of the year.
The maximum awards for the $20 million in Reopening and Restructuring Incentives depend on the size of the program and range from $300 to $1,600 one-time grants. Child care programs may apply to OCFS through July 15.

**Restaurants:**

- The State Liquor Authority will be able to immediately suspend a liquor license if businesses do not enforce social distancing rules and be subject to an "immediate shutdown order."
- Bars and restaurants will also be responsible for the areas outside their establishments, such as on the sidewalks.
- **Governor Cuomo amended an Executive Order (EO) to provide updated guidance for food and beverage establishments effective immediately.** Under this EO, businesses selling or serving alcohol to be consumed at the business or elsewhere must ensure that everyone within 100 feet of their business is:
  - In compliance with open-container, social-distancing, and face-covering rules; and
  - Following all existing rules, regulations, and laws.
  - Businesses that cannot follow these guidelines must stop selling alcohol until they can. Patrons can also be fined for breaking open container or social distancing rules.
  - Violations could result in having a license suspended or revoked, with fines up to $10,000 per violation. See: [Executive Order](#)
- **The State Liquor authority suspended the liquor license of four bars and restaurants** - three in Queens and one in Suffolk County. The list of establishments whose licenses were suspended is below:
Since the onset of COVID, SLA has brought 410 charges against establishments for violating the Executive Orders and suspended 27 licenses for violations. See: Press Release

- Indoor dining was scheduled to resume once New York City was approved to enter Phase 3 of Reopening. Due to safety concerns, the Governor announced that indoor dining will not be authorized in the City at this time. (July 1)

- Governor Cuomo announced that bars and restaurants across the state will no longer provide walk-up bar service or serve alcohol to people who aren’t purchasing food. AP News (July 16). The governor announced a new “three strikes” policy that will require bars and restaurants to close after they receive three citations for failing to follow rules, including mask-wearing and keeping people 6 feet (2 meters) apart. See: Press Release

**Recreation:**
- The Governor issued an **Executive Order** allowing low-risk, outdoor recreational activities and businesses providing such activities to open in regions that have met the public health and safety metrics required for phase one. (June 2)
  - Includes tennis, golf and driving ranges (not miniature/mini golf) with food and retail services subject to the restrictions that are currently in effect within the region, and non-motorized boat use and rentals, such as row boats, kayaks, and canoes.

- Governor Cuomo announced that decisions on the reopening of public pools and playgrounds would be at the discretion of local governments. (June 11)
State outdoor pools across New York opened for swimming starting on the July 4 weekend under the standard operating schedule of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation. See: Guidance

- Visitors will be asked to sign-in with contact information to enable potential contact tracing measures.
- Pool capacity will be limited to 50 percent to help maintain 6-feet of distance in the water between swimmers who are not members of the same household or family unit.
- Lounge chairs, benches and picnic tables will be kept 10-feet apart from others.
- Face coverings or masks must be worn at all times in interior building spaces, including partially enclosed or covered outdoor areas; and at times outside (except in the pool) if social distancing cannot or is unlikely to be maintained.
- No group gatherings of 10 people or more will be allowed.
- A listing of State parks with swimming pools can be found on the here

According to the NYS Department of Health, concessions are permitted to reopen with restrictions at state ocean and lakefront beaches beginning Sunday, July 12th. This includes concessions at popular destinations such as Jones Beach, Robert Moses, Sunken Meadow, and Lake Welch in Harriman State Park. We made this decision based on facts and science, and in recognition that these concessions are largely outdoors and are similar to other businesses we have allowed to open with precautions as part of NY Forward. As always, New Yorkers and visitors must adhere to social distancing guidelines and wear face masks as appropriate, and local governments will be actively monitoring to ensure compliance.

The Governor announced that low-risk youth sports, with two spectators for each child, can resume starting July 6 in regions in the phase three of the opening process Press Release (June 13)

- Please see more detailed guidance which applies to non-professional, non-collegiate sports conducted by gyms/fitness centers and training facilities.
- The U.S. Open will be held in Queens without fans from August 31st to September 13th. The USTA will take extraordinary precautions to protect players and staff, including robust testing, additional cleaning, extra locker room space and dedicated housing and transportation.

- The 2020 MTV Video Music Awards to Be Held with Limited to No Audience at Barclays Center in Brooklyn on Sunday, August 30.

- The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation (State Parks) marked the start of summer by launching a new, user-friendly mobile app for smart devices to provide visitors and prospective visitors useful information about the destinations and activities at the state’s parks and historic sites. Users can learn more about destinations with rotating curated content, and will enjoy quick access to park information, including directions, hours, amenities, fees and rates, trail maps, helpful know-before-you-go details, and the ability to receive important updates and alerts. Visitors can link directly to online camping reservations and easily access select State Parks’ social media channels.


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1 The Information, which is not intended to be exhaustive, is culled from multiple publicly available sources.