The Governor’s Office last evening published detailed interim guidance for construction as part of phase one of the “NY Forward” Reopening Plan. You can view the guidelines and related documents at this link, including the summary guidelines and detailed guidelines.

Businesses will be required to affirm with the State their adherence to the guidelines and requirements through completion of an online form.

The State has also provided a safety plan template. This plan does not need to be submitted to for approval but must be retained on the premises of the business and made available to the New York State Department of Health (DOH) or local health or safety authorities in the event of an inspection.

The State has also posted an FAQ document (available at this link). Of particular note, the FAQ offers the following: “If I am an essential business, am I subject to the new operating requirements detailed in the Guidance? Answer: Yes. The increased measures detailed in the Guidance are in furtherance of public health and safety, and all businesses as well as units of State and local government are required to ensure this standard of safety.” In other words, this new guidance and the related rules and safety requirements apply to ALL CONSTRUCTION at this time, not just construction newly permitted to take place as regions reopen.

AGC NYS staff is still reviewing these documents, which at first glance we think are significantly in line with the AGC NYS reopening plan we developed. For reference, you can view the AGC NYS plan here.

AGC NYS will hold a briefing and Q & A session on the guidelines for our membership tomorrow at 2pm via Zoom. Registration at this link is required. Participation in the briefing is limited to the first 500 registrants.

We will continue to keep the AGC NYS membership informed as more details and information become available.

--Mike Elmendorf