



UPDATE: Gov. Cuomo Details Rules and Procedures for Regional Re-opening of New York Beginning May 15

Gov. Andrew Cuomo today outlined the State’s plan for a regionally-based, phased restart of New York’s economy, beginning May 15. The Governor’s Office has published a [“NY Forward Guide to Re-Opening and Building Back Better,”](#) which you can access at this link.

The Governor again outlined seven metrics that must be based on a regional basis. The metrics are:

- A 14-day decline in hospitalizations OR fewer than 15 new hospitalizations and five deaths in a three-day average.
- 14-day decline in hospitalized deaths OR under 5 new over a three-day average.
- New hospitalizations under 2 per 100,000 residents over a three-day average.
- Share of total beds available (threshold of 30%).
- Share of ICU beds available (threshold of 30%).
- 30 per 1,000 residents are tested for COVID-19 monthly.
- 30 “contact tracers” per 100,000 residents.

Regions that meet these metrics for re-opening may begin re-opening May 15. At present, the Mohawk Valley, Finger Lakes and Southern Tier and North Country regions would be included in the first wave of re-openings.

Regional COVID-19 Metrics: Where Regions Currently Stand									Report as of May 12, 2020		
Regions									Metrics Met		
	Capital Region	Central New York	Finger Lakes	Long Island	Mid-Hudson	Mohawk Valley	New York City	North Country	Southern Tier	Western New York	
	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%)	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	0 18 ✗	0 6 ✗	1.32 ✓	33% ✓	51% ✓	1,199 / 1,085 ✓	Expected ★		5/7 ✗		
Central New York	0 6 ✓	1 3 ✓	1.07 ✓	43% ✓	53% ✓	709 / 775 ✗	Yes ✓		6/7 ✗		
Finger Lakes	0 11 ✓	0 4 ✓	0.94 ✓	42% ✓	53% ✓	1,629 / 1,203 ✓	Yes ✓		7/7 ✓		
Long Island	31 425 ✓	3 99 ✗	2.66 ✗	30% ✓	33% ✓	4,540 / 2,839 ✓	Expected ★		5/7 ✗		
Mid-Hudson	29 132 ✓	3 69 ✗	2.25 ✗	33% ✓	49% ✓	4,007 / 2,322 ✓	Expected ★		5/7 ✗		
Mohawk Valley	0 4 ✓	2 2 ✓	0.62 ✓	51% ✓	64% ✓	534 / 485 ✓	Yes ✓		7/7 ✓		
New York City	30 820 ✓	29 502 ✓	2.64 ✗	28% ✗	24% ✗	13,527 / 8,399 ✓	Expected ★		4/7 ✗		
North Country	19 3 ✓	7 1 ✓	0.16 ✓	52% ✓	68% ✓	454 / 419 ✓	Yes ✓		7/7 ✓		
Southern Tier	0 5 ✓	1 2 ✓	0.21 ✓	44% ✓	42% ✓	956 / 633 ✓	Yes ✓		7/7 ✓		
Western New York	0 28 ✗	4 9 ✗	1.95 ✓	45% ✓	55% ✓	1,443 / 1,381 ✓	Expected ★		5/7 ✗		

The re-opening will proceed with a sector-specific phasing as follows:

- Phase 1: Construction; manufacturing and wholesale supply chain; select retail with curbside pickup
- Phase 2: Professional services; finance and insurance; retail; administrative support; real estate, rental leasing
- Phase 3: Restaurants, food services; hotels, accommodations
- Phase 4: Arts, entertainment, recreation, education

It is not clear how long each of these phases will last; it will seemingly be based on a continuous monitoring of the metrics by “Regional Control Rooms” consisting of key elected officials and leaders in each region.

The State indicated they will also update an [online dashboard of the metrics on a daily basis, which can be found at this link](#).

Furthermore, the Governor announced the May 15 reopening of certain “low-risk businesses and recreational activities,” including:

- Landscaping and gardening
- Outdoor, low-risk recreational activities (i.e., tennis)
- Drive-in movie theaters

Businesses will be required to adopt certain safety precautions, including:

- Adjusted workplace hours and shift design.
- Social distancing.
- Restrictions on non-essential travel.
- Requiring masks if in frequent contact with others.
- Strict cleaning and sanitation standards.

More information on the “NY Forward” plan can be found at <https://forward.ny.gov>.

[AGC NYS has developed its own “reopening plan” for construction which you can view here.](#)

We will continue to track this evolving situation closely and will report to our membership as soon as additional details become available.

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