

ALERT: Governor Cuomo Offers New Details on How and When NY Will “Un-Pause”

At a briefing today in Rochester, Gov. Andrew Cuomo offered new details on how and when New York will begin to “un-pause” and allow currently non-essential businesses and activities to resume after May 15.

As has been previously discussed and reported, the Governor plans a regional, phased approach to re-opening, driven by a number of metrics based on CDC guidelines. These include:

- A 14-day decline in hospitalizations and hospital deaths (or fewer than 15 new hospitalizations and five deaths in a three-day average).
- New hospitalizations remain under two per 100,000 residents on a three-day average.
- Hospitals maintain no more than 70 percent available bed capacity, including intensive care units.
- 30 per 1,000 residents are tested for COVID-19 monthly.
- At least 30 "contact tracers" per 100,000 residents.
- Hospitals in each region must have a 90-day stockpile of personal protective equipment.

The Governor offered the following slide during his briefing, which makes clear that presently no region of the state meets all the standards necessary to re-open:

Where do Regions Currently Stand?

	14-Day Decline in 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 average of new tests per day)	At least 30 contact tracers per 100K residents	Metrics Met
Capital Region	N	Y	0.58	41%	44%	N	325	4/7
Central New York	Y	Y	0.47	49%	51%	N	233	5/7
Finger Lakes	Y	Y	1.19	53%	64%	N	361	5/7
Long Island	Y	N	5.76	28%	26%	Y	852	2/7
Mid-Hudson	Y	N	4.74	31%	35%	Y	697	4/7
Mohawk Valley	Y	Y	1.17	58%	64%	N	146	5/7
New York City	Y	Y	5.41	26%	21%	Y	2520	3/7
North Country	Y	Y	0.08	53%	64%	N	126	5/7
Southern Tier	Y	Y	0.11	58%	52%	N	190	5/7
Western New York	N	Y	2.20	46%	40%	N	414	3/7

Based on this, as previously suggested, it seems that the North Country, Finger Lakes, Central New York, Mohawk Valley and Southern Tier would be among the first to re-open when they are able to satisfy the remaining criteria.

Once a region meets all the requirements to “un-pause,” it would be done in phases that would include different sectors 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

According to the Governor, businesses and sectors would be required to “reimagine” their operations to comply with new safety standards:

Business Safety Precautions

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People	Places	Processes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjusted workplace hours and shift design • Social distancing • Non-essential travel restricted 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masks required if in frequent contact with others • Strict cleaning and sanitation standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous health screening to enter workplace • Continuous tracing, tracking and reporting • Liability

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[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.