

ESD Offers New Clarification on Local Government, Municipal and School Construction During PAUSE-NY Restrictions

From Empire State Development:

“Local governments, including municipalities and school districts, are allowed to continue construction projects at this time as government entities are exempt from the essential business restrictions. However, to the greatest extent possible, local governments should postpone any non-essential projects and only proceed with essential projects when they can implement appropriate social distancing and cleaning/disinfecting protocols. Essential projects are those that have a nexus to health and safety of the building occupants or to support the broader essential services that are required to fulfill the critical operations of government or the emergency response to the COVID-19 public health crisis.”

This language has not made it into the [official guidance posted by ESD yet](#), but comes from ESD and is official. We will advise the membership when/if the guidance is updated with this or any other additional language or clarifications. We also urge you to check regularly on [ESD's FAQ page](#), which contains valuable information.