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91st Assembly District
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May 24, 2020

Dear Friends,

On Saturday, Governor Cuomo announced that the mid-Hudson region will enter Phase 1 of re-opening on **Tuesday, May 26th**, after meeting the contact tracing metric over the holiday weekend. The mid-Hudson Valley will join seven other regions which have met the required metric to begin phased reopening that includes activities such as construction, manufacturing, agriculture and wholesale distribution. There are also rules for retail activity: curbside pickup, drop-off or in-store pickup.

Details on guidelines for specific business activities during reopening are available [here](#).

The full guide to the state's "NY Forward Reopening" Plan is available [here](#).

Regional re-opening does not mean that we can let down our guard and return to pre-pandemic behavior. Please continue social distancing and other recommended practices when out in public, at stores or in the workplace. Progress depends upon our continued vigilance.

I am also pleased to announce that the Governor has established a new \$100 million loan program for small businesses and small not-for-profits to assist in this crisis. The goal of the New York Forward Loan Fund (NYFLF) program is to provide assistance to smaller businesses, MWBEs and not-for-profits which were left out of the federal Covid-19 assistance.

In March, I introduced legislation to establish an emergency loan assistance program for small businesses and not-for-profits. The Governor has now begun such a program through Executive Order. For small businesses the program applies to those with twenty or fewer employees and less than \$3 million in gross revenues. To see whether the New York Forward Loan Fund (NYFLF) program can help your business or not-for-profit, please visit the Empire State Development website [here](#).

Please contact my office at 914-939-7028 or OtisS@nyassembly.gov, if I can be of assistance on any issues that arise.

Warm regards,

Steve



New York Forward Loan Fund (NYFLF)

The New York Forward Loan Fund (NYFLF) is a new economic recovery loan program aimed at supporting New York State small businesses, nonprofits and small landlords as they reopen after the COVID-19 outbreak and NYS on PAUSE. The NYFLF targets the state's small businesses with 20 or fewer full-time equivalent (FTE) employees (90% of all businesses), nonprofits and small landlords that have seen a loss of rental income. The NYFLF is specifically timed to support businesses and organizations as they proceed to reopen and have upfront expenses to comply with guidelines (e.g., inventory, marketing, refitting for new social distancing guidelines) under the New York Forward Plan.

Pre-application for the New York Forward Loan Fund will be open on May 26, 2020 at Noon Eastern Daylight Time. Priority will be given to industries that have been reopened. This is not a first-come, first-served loan program. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis as regions and industries reopen.

- Small businesses and nonprofits must employ 20 or fewer full-time equivalent (FTE) employees;
- Small businesses must have gross revenues of less than \$3 million per year;
- Nonprofits must provide direct services and have an annual operating budget of less than \$3 million per year; and
- Have not received a loan from either SBA Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) or SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) for COVID-19 in 2020.

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#)

Important Phone Numbers

- NYS Department of Health State Hotline: 1-888-364-3065
- Glen Island COVID-19 test results call BioReference Labs 833-469-5227
- People under self-quarantine or exposure to known case: 866- 588-0195
- Westchester County COVID-19 Information: Call 211
- 2020 Census help: 844-330-2020
- Domestic violence helpline: 800-942-6906

Mental Health Support
For FREE emotional support, consultation, and referral: 844-863-9314

Access the NYS Health Dept, County Health website or the CDC website

To sell or donate goods or services to NYS, contact:
COVID19supplies@esd.ny.gov

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<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news>

