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July 7, 2020

Dear Friends,

The Covid-19 infection rate in New York State continues to decline and remain low, further evidence that the measures taken by the state, localities and the general public have proven to be effective. Given that the infection rate continues to increase in many part of the country at alarming rates, I encourage all of you to be vigilant, continue to practice social distancing and follow health department guidelines.

Westchester will enter Phase 4 of re-opening today, Tuesday July 7th. In Phase 4, outdoor social gatherings of up to 50 people are allowed and indoor religious gatherings will be allowed at up to 33 percent of the indoor site's capacity. Businesses that will be eligible to begin reopening in Phase 4 are:

- Higher Education
- Low-Risk Outdoor Arts & Entertainment
- Low-Risk Indoor Arts & Entertainment
- Media Production
- Professional Sports Competitions with No Fans
- Food services, include restaurants food trucks and other food concessions, many of which had been eligible for takeout and outdoor dining services previously.

The state has a number of mandatory guidelines and best practices outlined for each of these industries that are able now to reopen. As with prior reopening stages, each reopening business must develop a written Safety Plan outlining how its workplace will prevent the spread of COVID-19. Industry specific

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guidelines and safety plan templates can be found [HERE](#).

Other announcements:

- Governor Cuomo has partnered with New Jersey Governor Murphy and Connecticut Governor Lamont to create a joint travel advisory for individuals traveling from states with significant community spread of COVID-19, requiring a quarantine for 14 days when visiting their states. More information found [HERE](#)
- Air conditioning filters capable of filtering COVID-19 particles will be mandatory for large mall reopenings.
- Additional guidance for **low risk sports and recreation** has been issued that allows for tennis swim instruction, golf and non-motorized boat rentals among other activities. For the full guidance, please click [HERE](#).

I hope the information included here is helpful. The issues you bring to my attention help frame changes in state policies as we move through this crisis.

My staff and I have been able to help many unemployment insurance applicants process their claims. We continue to assist residents who call our office with issues accessing and getting through the online system. 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

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

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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

Governor Cuomo daily press conferences can be accessed live or on file at:

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

NYS Of Health Enrollment Deadline Extended to July 15th.

Governor Cuomo announced that the deadline to enroll in the state's health exchange system through the NYS of Health Marketplace has been extended to July 15th. If you lost your job, or health coverage, and now need health insurance, visit: nystateofhealth.ny.gov to enroll.

To help protect at-risk individuals and essential workers from exposure to COVID-19

New Yorkers need to wear masks or face coverings in public when social distancing isn't possible.



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Support for Small Businesses.

PE Grant and Loans for Small Businesses

Small businesses can apply for a new Westchester County IDA Emergency Loan Program to provide financial assistance of up to \$10,000 for grants and up to \$25,000 for no-interest loans. Businesses or small not-for-profits with less than 50 employees are eligible to apply for this grant and loan program, which can be used for business modifications to protect customers from COVID.

Things like plexiglass guards and other modifications may be eligible. [More information is found here.](#)

New York Forward Loan Fund (NYFLF)

The goal of the \$100 million New York Forward Loan Fund (NYFLF) program is to provide assistance to smaller businesses, MWBEs and not-for-profits that were left out of the federal Covid-19 business relief programs.

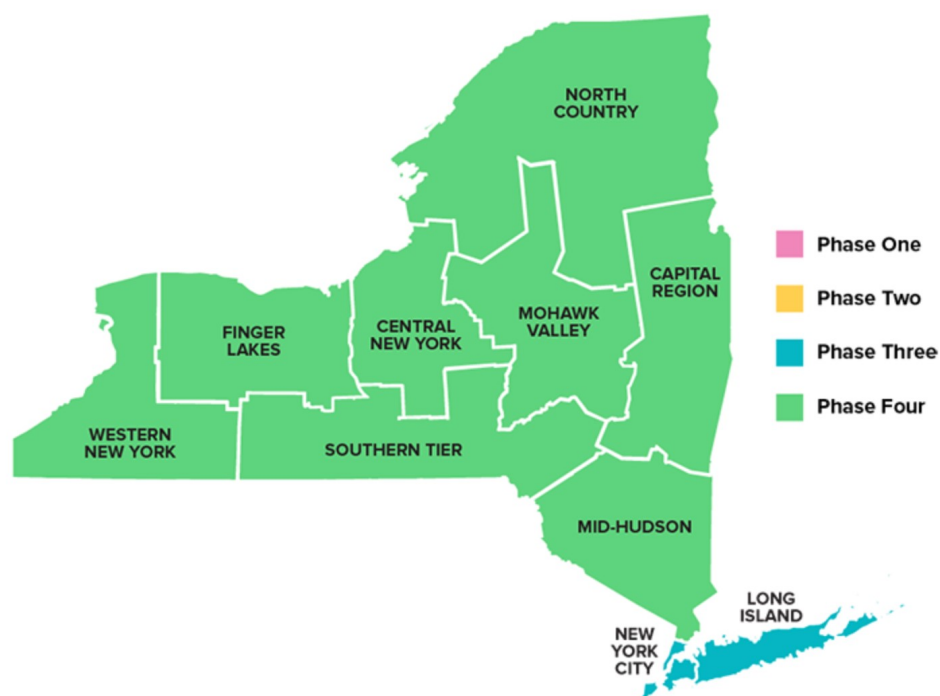
For application information on the New York Forward Loan program, please visit click NY Loan Fund [HERE](#). This is not a first-come, first-served loan program. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis as regions and industries reopen. Requirements include:

- Small businesses and not-for-profits must employ 20 or fewer full-time equivalent (FTE) employees.
- Small businesses must have gross revenues of less than \$3M per year.
- Not-for-profits must provide direct services and have an annual operating budget of less than \$3M 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.

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REGIONAL REOPENING



Governor Cuomo outlined guidelines that will help regions create individual plans based on facts and data to reopen New York.

[Map of the 10 regions of the state and a list of counties within each region.](#)

The state will monitor core factors to determine if a region can reopen.

The loosening of restrictions in New York will be considered on a regional basis, based on the following criteria. These criteria are designed to allow phased reopenings to begin in each region only if:

- The infection rate is sufficiently low;
- The health care system has the capacity to absorb a potential resurgence in new cases;
- Diagnostic testing capacity is sufficiently high to detect and isolate new cases; and
- Robust contact-tracing capacity is in place to help prevent the spread of the virus.

For more information on New York Forward Phase 4 guidance, please click

[HERE](#)

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Community Resources: How to Help

Virtual Mentoring - Larchmont-Mamaroneck STEM Alliance

The STEM Alliance launched a [one-to-one digital mentoring program](#) for low income children in the area. The Mamaroneck school district provided families with devices and connectivity, but these children need additional help in navigating online learning platforms. Most have limited digital fluency and struggle with the level of English literacy needed to be successful at distance learning. Without additional help, they were at-risk for significant learning loss. This Virtual Mentoring program helps these students learn critical digital skills so they stay motivated, focused and engaged with learning online.

- [Community Resource Center](#) - in Mamaroneck is helping some of the most vulnerable families in our area. To donate supplies or funds please visit their website.
- **Area Food Pantries** - need our support. Please visit their websites to see how you can help:
 - [Larchmont/Mamaroneck Hunger Task Force](#)
 - [Don Bosco Community Center](#) Port Chester
 - [Meals on Wheels](#) of New Rochelle
 - [Meals on Wheels](#) of Rye and Rye Brook
 - [Feeding Westchester](#)
 - [The Carver Center](#) in Port Chester
 - [Bread of Life](#) in Rye
 - [Caritas](#) in Port Chester
 - Salvation Army in Port Chester: Text 'Portchestersa' to 41444 to donate or e-mail Margaret.Quatela@use.salvationarmy.org. All contributions go to the Salvation Army COVID-19 campaign in Port Chester and Rye Brook.
- [Hack the Pandemic](#) - started by a Mamaroneck High School student, is 3D printing face shields for healthcare workers. To support their efforts with monetary donations or volunteer your time to distribute supplies, please visit their website.

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- [Sew for NY](#) - Connecting volunteers who can sew with area hospitals who needs supplies including masks.
- [Masks for New York](#) - Looking for volunteers to help make masks.



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