

Phased Reopening of Businesses

Each region will reopen businesses in phases, with at least two weeks in between each phase. This allows state and local leaders to monitor the effects of the reopening and ensure hospitalization and infection rates are not increasing before moving to the next phase and permitting more economic activity.

	Greater Economic Impact	Lower Economic Impact
Low Infection Rate	Industry greater economic impact, low risk of workplace or customer infection spread	Industry less economic impact, low risk of workplace or customer infection spread
High Infection Rate	Industry greater economic impact, higher risk of workplace or customer infection spread	Industry less economic impact, higher risk of workplace or customer infection spread

The phase-in plan prioritizes businesses considered to have a greater economic impact and inherently low risks of infection for the workers and customers, followed by other businesses considered to have less economic impact, and those that present a higher risk of infection spread.

Additionally, when phasing-in reopenings, regions must not open attractions or businesses that would draw a large number of visitors from outside the local area.

There is, unsurprisingly, a significant demand by people right now across New York and our neighboring states to gather and enjoy each other's' company. While people should be able to have fun, facilities or events that attract hundreds of people from outside the region pose a significant public health danger as we try to carefully reopen. These places should be closed and events should continue to be postponed or cancelled until the threat of COVID-19 has subsided.

As businesses reopen, they will not be returning to business as usual. Transmission of COVID-19 will remain a threat to employees and customers for some time, and business owners will need to adapt to this "new normal."

Each business and industry must have a plan to protect employees and consumers, make the physical work space safer and implement processes that lower risk of infection in the business.



Phase 1



- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Wholesale Trade
- Select Retail for Curbside Pickup Only

Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing

Phase 2



- Professional Services
- Finance and Insurance
- Retail
- Administrative Support

Real Estate, Rental, and Leasing

Phase 3



- Restaurants and Food Services

Phase 4



- Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation
- Education