

NY FORWARD BUSINESS REOPENINGS:

Based on information posted by New York State as of **May 29, 2020**, the following types of businesses are able to open as part of Phase 2:

- Office-based businesses
- Real Estate
- In-store Retail
- Vehicle Sales, Leases, and Rentals
- Retail Rental, Repair, and Cleaning
- Commercial Building Management
- Hair salons and barbershops

The state announced the start of Phase 2 in the CNY region effective Friday, May 29. Businesses must be able to affirm they meet the requirements of their business category before reopening. Any business that is unsure if it is eligible to reopen should use the [NY Forward Business Reopen Lookup Tool](#), which enables businesses to search by specific industry categories to verify that they can reopen.

HOW TO COMPLY WITH REOPENING GUIDELINES:

1. Read Safety Guidelines and Provide Affirmation Form

The NY Forward website includes industry-specific guidelines which must be read by all business owners. An online “affirmation” form must be submitted by each business to affirm that the business owners understand and have implemented the safety requirements.

2. Develop a Business Safety Plan

All businesses (both essential and non-essential) must create a Safety Plan. Industry-specific guidance, affirmation forms, and safety plan templates are on the NY Forward website and links are included in the table below.

NY FORWARD PHASE II INDUSTRY GUIDANCE

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Office</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and Affirm Guidelines here • Read Mandatory & Recommended Best Practices here • Develop Business Safety Plan – Template here 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Real Estate</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and Affirm Guidelines here • Read Mandatory & Recommended Best Practices here • Develop Business Safety Plan – Template here
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Essential & Phase II In-store Retail</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and Affirm Guidelines here • Read Mandatory & Recommended Best Practices here • Develop Business Safety Plan – Template here 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Vehicle Sales, Leases, & Rentals</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and Affirm Guidelines here • Read Mandatory & Recommended Best Practices here • Develop Business Safety Plan – Template here
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Retail Rental, Repair, & Cleaning</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and Affirm Guidelines here • Read Mandatory & Recommended Best Practices here • Develop Business Safety Plan – Template here 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Commercial Building Management</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read and Affirm Guidelines here • Read Mandatory & Recommended Best Practices here • Develop Business Safety Plan – Template here

3. Monitor Operations to Ensure Safe Business Practices and Compliance

Once an eligible business reopens, it is the responsibility of the business owner and leadership to ensure proper safety guidelines are being followed. Further questions on NY Forward Reopening Procedures can be submitted through the New York State website [here](#).

New York State requires the following businesses to remain closed:

Malls; specifically, any indoor common portions of retail shopping malls with 100,000 or more square feet of retail space available for lease; however, any stores located within shopping malls, which have their own external entrances open to the public, separate from the general mall entrance (e.g. strip malls), may open;

Dine-in and on-premise restaurant or bar service, excluding take-out or delivery for off-premise consumption;

Large gathering/event venues, including but not limited to establishments that host concerts, conferences, or other in-person performances or presentations in front of an in-person audience;

Gyms, fitness centers, and exercise classes, except for remote or streaming services;

Video lottery and casino gaming facilities;

Movie theaters, except drive-ins; and

Places of public amusement, whether indoors or outdoors, including but not limited to, locations with amusement rides, carnivals, amusement parks, water parks, aquariums, zoos, arcades, fairs, children's play centers, funplexes, theme parks, bowling alleys, family and children's attractions.