



New York State Announces Guidelines to Open Residential Construction

The Governor's Office revealed their plan for re-opening residential construction beginning this Friday. (It was confirmed this afternoon that the shutdown ends at 11:59 Thursday night). The [guidelines that each job site must follow](#) are similar to the plan that NYSBA presented to ESD and the governor's office last month.

The guidelines apply to all construction businesses in regions of New York that have been permitted to re-open, as well as to construction businesses statewide that were previously permitted to operate as essential. **Further, each company [must affirm on the Forward NY website](#) that they have read and understand their obligation under the new guidelines.**

Additionally, each re-opening business must develop a written safety plan outlining how its workplace will prevent the spread of COVID-19. A business may fill out [this template on the Forward NY website](#) to fulfill the requirement, or may develop its own Safety Plan. **This plan does not need to be submitted to a state agency for approval** but must be retained on the premises of the business and must be made available to the New York State.

Currently, only five regions have met all of New York State's required metrics to begin the reopening process on Saturday May 16. Those regions are:

- Central New York
- Finger Lakes
- Mohawk Valley
- Northern New York, and
- Southern Tier

We do know that some New York Forward Reopening Advisory Board members are currently lobbying to get the state to declare more businesses "essential," in regions that do not open up this Friday, and residential construction is among those businesses.

If further changes take place this weekend, we will be sure to let everyone know as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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