



COVID-19 UPDATES – April 27, 2020

Message from the Executive Board:

Happy Monday to all MPC Members. Despite feeling like we are all in a rut, change is coming. On Friday, the President signed the Bill that will partially replenish the PPP. **New applications will be accepted starting today, Monday, April 27, 2020.** [Read the SBA press release here.](#)

In other good news the bill also provides additional funding for the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL)-COVID-19 related assistance program. This is the free \$10,000 that was to be delivered within four business days. Unfortunately, this program also ran out of money during the last go around. If your application is in, there is a chance you may receive these funds perhaps even this week.

Yesterday, Governor Cuomo outlined a phased plan to re-open New York State starting with Construction. No specific timelines were provided though there are rumors it could start within the next two weeks. In an upcoming issue we will discuss what an opening may look like for us. The majority of us work in occupied buildings and we will need access to be able to go back to work.



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GOVERNOR ANDREW M. CUOMO

AMID ONGOING COVID-19 PANDEMIC, GOVERNOR CUOMO OUTLINES PHASED PLAN TO RE-OPEN NEW YORK STARTING WITH CONSTRUCTION AND MANUFACTURING

Plan Will Be Implemented in Phases and Based on Regional Analysis and Determinations

State Will Closely Monitor Hospitalization Rate and Public Health Impact During Each Phase of Re-Opening and Will Adjust Plan and Make Other Decisions Based on Those Indicators

Confirms 5,902 Additional Coronavirus Cases in New York State - Bringing Statewide Total to 288,045; New Cases in 48 Counties

Amid the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today outlined a phased plan to re-open New York and re-imagine a new normal for the state starting with construction and manufacturing. The plan will be implemented in phases and will be based on regional analysis and determinations. Based on CDC recommendations, once a region experiences a 14-day decline in the hospitalization rate they may begin a phased re-opening. The State is closely monitoring the hospitalization rate, the infection rate and the number of



positive antibody tests, as well as the overall public health impact, and will make adjustments to the plan and other decisions based on these indicators.

- Phase one will include opening **construction** and manufacturing functions with low risk.
- Phase two will open certain industries based on priority and risk level. Businesses considered "more essential" with inherent low risks of infection in the workplace and to customers will be prioritized, followed by other businesses considered "less essential" or those that present a higher risk of infection spread. As the infection rate declines, the pace of reopening businesses will be increased.
- The region must not open attractions or businesses that would draw a large number of visitors from outside the local area.
- There will be two weeks in between each phase to monitor the effects of the re-opening and ensure hospitalization and infection rates are not increasing.
- This plan will be implemented with multi-state coordination, especially in downstate New York. The plan will also coordinate the opening of transportation systems, parks, schools, beaches and businesses with special attention on summer activities for downstate, public housing and low-income communities, food banks and child care.
- The phased re-opening will also be based on individual business and industry plans that include new measures to protect employees and consumers, make the physical work space safer and implement processes that lower risk of infection in the business. The state is consulting with local leaders in each region and industry to formulate these plans.

"We've been talking about re-opening the state and re-imagining a new New York, and to do that we're going to have to make governmental decisions in partnership with business decisions," **Governor Cuomo said.** "Every business leader understands that we can't just re-open and go back to where we were and what we were doing before - we have to move forward in light of the circumstances that have developed. So we are going to re-open the economy in phases, based on regional and specific industry determinations and CDC guidelines, and in the midst of all this continuing to monitor the public health impact because all that progress we made by flattening that curve we could lose in a matter of days if we're not careful."



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COVID-19 Response: Certificate of Occupancy, Letter of Completion and Temporary Certificate of Occupancy Folder Review Requests (PW7) Required to be Submitted in eFiling. Hub Self Service reopened for submission of PW1 Plan/Work Applications

Beginning Monday, April 27, 2020, Certificate of Occupancy, Letter of Completion and Temporary Certificate of Occupancy Folder Review Requests (PW7) cannot be submitted in-person to a borough office and are required to be submitted in eFiling. Hub Self-Service will now accept submissions of PW1 Plan/Work Applications. In addition, eFiling has been updated for Development Hub Jobs to categorize PW1 Plan/Work Application submissions as initial or subsequent filings.

PW7: Certificate of Occupancy/Letter of Completion Folder Review Request

As of April 27, 2020, paper PW7 forms can no longer be dropped off or sent to a DOB borough office. To submit a PW7 form, log into eFiling at www.nyc.gov/dobefiling, select the appropriate module and Electronically Submit Documents (eSubmit). From the Filing Documents section, select Form Name PW7 and indicate the Request Type of Letter of Completion (LOC), First Time Occupancy or Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO) Renewal and then upload and submit the file. If LOC is selected all missing Required Items must also be uploaded to proceed.

Notes from the DOB Committee:

These changes will make it easier for your architect or engineer to file applications in a more timely fashion.

To read the entire Service Notice [click here](#).

Other DOB Updates:

The new LAA application process requires you to submit an essential construction request prior to permit issuance. However, the LAA permit will be issued automatically. It is very important that you only apply for work that is deemed essential. If you have any questions regarding filing a LAA or working on a site, contact us immediately:

dob@nycmpc.org

Members have been asking questions such as “Can I do backflow installations? Can I still do jobbing?” We have received some answers to our questions for the DOB. [Click Here](#).

Is the DOB exposing people to unnecessary risks?

Issue with the Ability to Make Online Payments of Violations:

We received an answer to our email requesting that **ALL** civil penalty payments be able to be made online. Unfortunately, the answer to this was no. Now anyone who needs to make a payment needs to risk COVID-19 exposure travelling to their bank and to the DOB. We are going to follow-up as this puts us all at unnecessary risk.



Is the DOB Holding up Commerce?

WHY NOT ALLOW SIGN OFFS FOR NON-ESSENTIAL WORK???

From: Goldstein, Arthur [<mailto:AGG@dhclegal.com>]
Sent: Friday, April 24, 2020 2:50 PM
To: Patrick Wehle (Buildings); Izabella Vais (Buildings)
Cc: 'MPC Office on behalf of John DeLillo' <office@nycmpc.org>
Subject: FW: DOB NOW: Inspections

Can you please review the sign off issue below? At first it was one member, now the number has grown. Also one of the biggest expediting firms confirmed the same issue.

They need clarity on the issue especially if the answer is DOB doesn't have the bandwidth to do this now. If that is the case, ideally it should be in a Service Notice so plumbers can communicate that to their clients and try to get paid showing such a notice. From an owner's perspective, if one is trying to get a mortgage or line of credit, then a bank and or a title company may need to understand why there is no signoff.

Thanks for your attention to this matter.

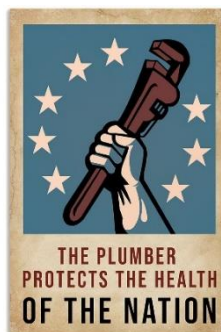
Best
Arthur

ANSWER FROM THE DOB

During the pandemic sign-offs are not occurring for non-essential work. We are looking into allowing this in some fashion.

Job Site Safety:

For all essential businesses or entities, any employees who are present in the workplace shall be provided with and shall wear face coverings when in direct contact with customers or members of the public. Businesses must provide, at their expense, such face coverings for their employees. This provision may be enforced by local governments or local law enforcement as if it were an order pursuant to section 12 or 12-b of the Public Health Law. This requirement shall be **effective Wednesday, April 15 at 8 p.m.** Please review the DOB industry's best practices guide ([click here](#))



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