



COVID-19 UPDATES – June 8, 2020

Face Coverings Required to be Worn by all Workers and Visitors on Construction Sites

Yesterday evening, the Mayor signed an [Executive Order](#) requiring face coverings to be worn by all workers and visitors on construction sites. The Department will be enforcing this requirement. As a reminder, for the first thirty days violations will carry no monetary penalty.

NYC Department of Buildings Reopening Guidance – NYC Construction Activity Restarts Monday, June 8, 2020

Property owners and contractors of all permitted job sites are required to follow the Department of Buildings newly released [Phase 1 Reopening Guidance](#).

In addition to following DOB guidelines, employers are required to develop a site-specific health plan that is prominently visible on worksites. They are also required to submit and display an affirmation to the State that they have read and understood the additional reopening requirements as required in the [NYS Interim Guidelines](#).

During the first 30 days of construction resuming, the Department will focus on industry education and implementation of the new standards and procedures. DOB violations issued during the 30-day reopening period will carry no financial penalty. Following this period violations will result in financial penalties, and further noncompliance may result in Stop Work Orders and summonses with accompanying civil penalties of up to \$5,000 for each offense.

During site visits Department inspectors will determine compliance with the State's guidance. [Click here for What to Know: Steps to Restart Your Project](#).

If the site currently does not plan to restart construction, it must continue to be secured and maintained to safeguard the public and property throughout the duration of time operations are suspended. See [Buildings Bulletin 2020-010](#) and the [Weekly Safety Inspection Reports Service Notice](#).

Visit the [Phase 1 Reopening](#) webpage for more information.

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Phase One Reopening: Safely Restarting Construction Activity in NYC

DOB will inspect every work site across the city for social distancing compliance, proper hygiene, and to make sure construction safety requirements are met

New York, NY – The New York City Department of Buildings today released new COVID-19 safety guidelines for property owners and contractors as 33,556 non-essential construction sites get back to work as part of New York City’s entrance into Phase One of New York state’s reopening plan, currently scheduled for Monday, June 8th, 2020. These new required safety measures for construction sites were developed in partnership with the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) and are being implemented to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus to workers and the public during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Read the [guidelines](#).

“The pandemic is slowly receding because New Yorkers did what we do best – we came together and made the necessary sacrifices to protect our families and neighbors,” said **Department of Buildings Commissioner Melanie E. La Rocca**. “As we restart the economic engine that is our construction industry, there is no excuse to abandon the social distancing and health measures that we know save lives. Our health and safety guidelines are crystal clear, and we will be out in force, sweeping every work site in the city, to ensure compliance.” [Click here to continue reading this press release.](#)

- [Reopening New York City: Frequently Asked Questions What the Construction Industry Need to Know](#)
- [DOB Enforcement Guidance for Owners and Contractors](#)

Message from the Executive Board:

Please read these documents and ensure you will be in compliance. The DOB has been very gracious and decided **not** to issue violations for the first 30 DAYS. Mark July 06, 2020 on your calendar and make sure you have everything in place. We have a few questions that we will be sending into the DOB. Please send us your questions: dob@nycmpc.org

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