



Phased Reopening of Businesses on Long Island

Long Island has begun reopening our businesses in Phases, with at least two weeks in between each Phase. Phase 1 and 2 businesses may begin opening. However, they must also comply with state guidelines.

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.

Businesses owners will be required to read the state guidance and affirm their understanding of and compliance with those guidelines. They also must develop a safety plan and keep it on the premises, and will be responsible for keeping up-to-date with state requirements.

Phase 1, 2 and 3 businesses can find industry-specific requirements for reopening, recommended best practices, safety plan templates, and other important and useful information here: <https://forward.ny.gov/industries-reopening-phase#overview--reopening-in-phases>



The following includes the industries eligible to reopen under each of the 4 Phases. This information is becoming more detailed by the day.

Phase 1 - In Effect

- Industries allowed to reopen under Phase 1 include - Construction, Manufacturing, Agriculture, Wholesale Trade, and Retail
- Clothing stores, florists, jewelers, appliance and furniture stores, direct selling establishments, health and personal care stores, office supply stores and others fall under "retail" industry

----Two week minimum waiting period----

Phase 2 - In Effect

- Industries approved to reopen under Phase 2 include - Professional Services, Finance and Insurance, Administrative Support, Real Estate, Storefront Retailers
- Includes Outdoor Dining
- Includes Hair Salons and Barber Shops

----Two week minimum waiting period ----

Phase 3

- June 24th the earliest
- Industries approved to reopen under Phase 3 include - Restaurants and Food Services

---- Two week minimum waiting period----

Phase 4

- July 8th the earliest
- Industries approved to reopen under Phase 4 include - the Arts, Entertainment, Theaters, Recreation, Education

If you are unsure if your business is permitted to reopen, go to the **New York Business Reopening Lookup Tool**: <https://www.businessexpress.ny.gov/app/nyforward>