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ESFPA Albany Update

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More Details on Phase 1 Re-Opening and NY Forward

NY Forward is the process by which NY will operate through the regional re-opening of businesses throughout NY. The NY Forward Guidebook can be found [here](#).

Over the past 24 hours there has been a lot of details and additional guidance coming forth as 4 regions can start opening tomorrow, May 15th. The Regional Monitoring Dashboard allowing regions to open and used to monitor them as they re-open can be found [here](#).

Information available on the phasing of New York by industry can be found [here](#). Forestry Guidelines for employers and forestry can be found [here](#). These guidelines apply to all forestry activities in regions of New York that have been permitted to re-open, as well as to forestry activities statewide that were previously permitted to operate as essential businesses.

A sample template for a business reopening plan can be found [here](#). 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 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 made available to the New York State Department of Health (DOH) or local health or safety authorities in the event of an inspection.**

ESFPA To Host Membership Meeting on NY Forward and Business Re-Opening Thursday 5/21/20

Please join ESFPA Chair Michael McLarty and Executive Director John Bartow for membership meeting on NY Forward and business planning for re-opening on Thursday, May 21 at 7 p.m. While it is not a one-size fits all approach, this meeting will include practical recommendations based on New York State (i.e. NY Forward), Center for Disease Control and OSHA guidance on how to plan for and execute a business and workplace plan for operating in a pandemic situation. Make sure that your business is aware of the protocols, resources, knowledge, and skills necessary to run a safe facility and work environment. This workshop covers setting up your Safety (New York Forward) Plan, ensuring preventative material inventory, PPE, disinfection measures, inbound packages, transportation, isolation protocols, social distancing, health screenings, returning to work, visitors and contractors, and how to ensure that your business and work space is as safe as possible with regards to COVID-19.