



**PHASE 1:  
NYC CONSTRUCTION  
RESTART**



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YOUR PROJECT**

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New York City is now in Phase 1 of the State's reopening plan which means ALL construction sites can reopen and begin work. You are still required to ensure your site meets all Building and Electrical Codes as well as all the rules and regulations of the New York City Department of Buildings (DOB).

**BEFORE** you restart work, at minimum, you **MUST** do the following things:

- Read**, understand, and act on the State's **Interim Guidance for Construction Activities During The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency**.
- Prepare** a Safety Plan that is specific to each of your job sites. The General Contractor can develop one plan including all subcontractors and their employees, or each contractor can develop their own.
- Implement** all aspects of your Safety Plan on your job site.
- Post** the Safety Plan at your job site in a highly visible location at all points of egress from the construction site.
- Affirm** to the State that you have read and understood your obligation to operate your site in accordance with the State's guidance.
- Print** this affirmation and keep it on site.

**During these inspections, DOB inspectors will be looking for the following:**

- Safety plan** specific to the site is available and posted where it can be easily seen. This plan needs to include a copy of the **affirmation** to the State.
- Compliance with **social distancing** protocols.
- All site personnel and visitors **must wear acceptable face coverings** appropriate for their task. For further guidance on appropriate face coverings, see the State's Department of Health guidance and OSHA guidelines for personal protective equipment.

- Readily available **hand hygiene stations**, using either:
  - Soap, running warm water, and disposable paper towels; **or**
  - Alcohol-based hand sanitizer where hand washing stations are not practical.
- COVID-19 signage** that is visible to all reminding personnel to adhere to proper hand hygiene, physical distancing rules, appropriate use of PPE, and cleaning and disinfecting protocol.
- Properly completed and **updated cleaning and disinfection logs**.
- Tightly confined spaces** (e.g., elevators, hoists) occupied by 50% maximum allowed number of people.
  - 50% capacity must be posted within the cab AND at each landing
- A communication plan** for employees, visitors, and clients on site.
- Correctly completed and updated **logs of every person** who may have had close contact with others on site to ensure effective contact tracing.

DOB inspectors will focus their initial visits to permitted construction sites on educating construction professionals on-site to confirm the guidance is followed. Permitted sites should expect to see follow up inspections to make sure compliance continues thereafter. Any violation of these requirements, or other New York State or New York City mandates, is subject to enforcement including issuance of violations and associated penalties.

For additional information, please visit [nyc.gov/buildings](http://nyc.gov/buildings). Find your closest COVID-19 testing site by calling 311 or visiting [nyc.gov/covidtest](http://nyc.gov/covidtest).

