



FRANKLIN COUNTY LEGISLATURE

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Franklin County Businesses
FROM: Franklin County Legislature
DATE: May 14, 2020
RE: Reopening of Franklin County Businesses

On May 4, 2020, Governor Cuomo announced in his daily briefing his intention to focus on the reopening of local businesses within the counties of the State of New York. The North Country Region has been identified as a region that will be authorized to begin reopening-Phase 1.

Governor Cuomo has requested that the county elected officials of each county initiate communication with the local businesses requesting them to put a plan in place for the reopening of businesses.

It has been proposed that on May 15, 2020 the reopening of businesses will occur in four separate phases as set forth below as allowed by the Governor through a regional approach and approval. The North Country Region is approved to open effective May 15th. Each business eligible under **Phase 1 only** must go onto the New York State Website and businesses seeking to reopen must read the guidance document and certify that they understand and will implement the guidance. A template will also be provided to help develop the plan that will be kept on your premises that addresses the mitigation of infection. You can find the certification and template at the following link: <https://forward.ny.gov/> **Click on the tab labeled Business Resources**

The full guidance document can be found at:

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/NYForwardReopeningGuide.pdf>

Another useful resource with video trainings, links, guidance, etc. <http://northcountrychamber.com/chamber/reopening>

Phase 1: Construction, Manufacturing & wholesale supply chains, select Retail – Curbside Pickup, Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing

Phase 2: Professional Services, Finances & Insurance, Retail, Administrative Support, Real Estate/Rental Leasing

Phase 3: Restaurants/Food Services, Hotels/Accommodations

Phase 4: Arts/Entertainment/Recreation, Education

Governor Cuomo has requested that each business establish safety precautions to protect their employees and customers from COVID-19 once their businesses reopen.

Guidelines will be available from New York State on their website very soon and we ask all businesses to check the guidelines.

The Franklin County Legislature strongly supports the reopening of business operations within Franklin County in a safe and responsible manner compliant with the safety guidelines and standards as outlined in New York State's four phase approach. We look forward to your anticipated cooperation in keeping both your employees and customers safe and healthy in your business settings.

Best of luck in your success moving forward.