

Understanding the Governor's Re-Opening Plan

1. May 15 is the date that the state can begin to un-PAUSE by region. If a region wants to reopen on May 15, they must have their plan submitted before then.

The Regions are defined as follows:

- Capital Region
- Central New York
- Finger Lakes
- Long Island
- Mid-Hudson
- Mohawk Valley
- New York City
- North Country
- Southern Tier
- Western New York

Each region has created a control room of local elected officials, hospital officials, and state officials who will review the metrics the State has set forth and develop the region's un-PAUSE plan.

2. A region can un-PAUSE if all the following metrics are met:

- 14-day decline in hospitalizations or under 15 new hospitalizations (3-day average)
- 14-day decline in hospital deaths or fewer than 5 deaths (3-day average)
- New hospitalizations - under 2 per 100,000 residents (3-day rolling average)
- Share of total hospital beds available is over 30%
- Share of ICU beds available is over 30%
- For every 1,000 residents, 30 must be tested monthly (7-day average of new tests per day)
- At least 30 contact tracers per 100,000 residents

**As of today, no region meets all 7 of these metrics and has until May 15 to do so.*

The Finger Lakes region meets 5 of the 7 metrics with testing and tracers lacking. The Capital Region meets 4 of the 7 metrics with testing and tracers also lacking, and there is not a 14-day decline in hospitalizations or under 15 new hospitalizations. The Western New York Region meets 3 of the 7 metrics with testing and tracers also lacking, there is not a 14-day decline in hospitalizations or under 15 new hospitalizations, and new hospitalizations are not under 2 per 100,000 residents.

3. On May 15, for the regions that meet the 7 metrics, the phased re-opening will begin as follows:

- Phase 1 - Construction, Manufacturing and wholesale supply chain and Select Retail for Curbside Pickup
- Phase 2 - Professional Services, Finance and Insurance, Retail, Administrative Support and Real Estate/Rental Leasing
- Phase 3 - Restaurants/Food services and Hotels/Accommodations
- Phase 4 - Arts/Entertainment/Recreation, Education

The Governor did not offer what the timeline between phases would be, but he has previously said that the phases would be spaced two weeks apart. If this holds true, Phase 2 businesses could un-Pause starting May 29, Phase 3 businesses could un-Pause starting June 12 and Phase 4 businesses could un-Pause starting June 26. These dates are only for region's that can start on May 15. If a region does not reach the 7 metrics until after May 15, then their dates would be adjusted accordingly.

4. As businesses reopen, they must have safety precautions in place.

- People
 - Adjusted workplace hours and shift design
 - Social distancing
 - Non-essential travel restricted

- Places
 - Masks required if in frequent contact with others
 - Strict cleaning and sanitation standards

- Processes
 - Continuous health screening to enter workplace
 - Continuous tracing, tracking and reporting
 - Liability