



COVID-19 UPDATE

To the Members of the Syracuse Builders Exchange

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As reported by various media outlets and press conferences by New York Governor Andrew Cuomo and various County Executives throughout the 16-county central New York region, construction will most likely begin to reopen on or about May 15, 2020. In our effort to prepare construction industry employers for the complete resumption of construction, the Syracuse Builders Exchange ("SBE") continues to provide the necessary resources and information our member firms need when making critical decisions for your company and employees. Below are important items SBE is working on for our members:

WEBINARS THIS WEEK AT SYRABEX.COM

To View Webinars: Visit www.syrabex.com

Click on COVID-19 Updates link under SBE Services

Click on the YouTube Webinar section, OR

Click on Past Recorded Webinars

Live Only: OSHA

On Wednesday, May 13 at 3:00 PM, join OSHA's Regional Director Jeff Prebish and me as Jeff addresses OSHA's role when visiting job sites once construction resumes, and what contractors need to know to prepare for such visits. Please note this webinar will be hosted in a live format only and will not be recorded for future viewing. Don't miss this opportunity to learn from OSHA how to prepare your company and job site for an OSHA inspection and what items of importance will OSHA be focusing on once construction reopens. Send your questions in advance to: ehall@syrabex.com.

Pre-Recorded Safety Plan Presented By OneGroup

Thursday, May 14 beginning at 10:00 AM. SBE continues to partner with OneGroup in delivering important risk management information to construction contractors. This pre-recorded webinar will be available any time for viewing, and will address the COVID-19 safety plan each contractor will be required to have once construction resumes. OneGroup, in conjunction with the Construction Industry Safety Coalition and AGC of America, has prepared a 13-page boiler plate COVID-19 safety plan for contractors.

COVID-19 CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY SAFETY PLAN

Attached please find a sample "safety plan" for contractors addressing the COVID-19 situation specific to exposure prevention, awareness and response. This sample document was developed by the Construction Industry Safety Coalition, in conjunction with the AGC of America. Employers are encouraged to review the document and use it as a resource as each employer develops their own, unique safety plan.

RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR REOPENING

Earlier this week Governor Cuomo released the State's plan for a regionally based, phased restart of New York's economy, beginning Friday, May 15 with construction and manufacturing. The Governor's staff has published "NY Forward", which is a "guide to reopening New York and building back better". Click here for the NY Forward link.

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

Governor Cuomo outlines daily the seven "reopening" metrics that must be achieved based on a regional basis. The "reopening" metrics are:

- A 14-day decline in hospitalizations OR fewer than 15 new hospitalizations and five deaths in a three-day average.
- 14-day decline in hospitalized deaths OR under 5 new over a three-day average.
- New hospitalizations under 2 per 100,000 residents over a three-day average.
- Share of total beds available (threshold of 30%).
- Share of ICU beds available (threshold of 30%).
- 30 per 1,000 residents are tested for COVID-19 monthly.
- 30 "contact tracers" per 100,000 residents.

Regions that meet these metrics for re-opening may begin re-opening May 15. As of today, the Mohawk Valley, Finger Lakes and Southern Tier regions would be included in the initial stage of reopening. The North Country and Central New York have both currently met only 6 of 7 metrics. County Executives from the North Country and central New York counties remain optimistic they will meet all 7 of the metrics by Friday, May 15th.

The link to the seven metrics regional chart and data can be found here:

<https://forward.ny.gov/regional-monitoring-dashboard>

JOB SITE AND OFFICE COVID-19 SAFETY POSTER NOW AVAILABLE

SBE has developed a COVID-19 Construction Safety poster for business offices and job sites. This full-color, heavy duty, waterproof, indoor/outdoor poster may be ordered via the attached order form. SBE will mail the posters or members may elect our "curb side pick-up" option. Contact Lisa for further information at lisa@syrabex.com.

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