



**COVID-19 Update  
To the Syracuse Builders Exchange Membership  
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**OSHA Releases COVID-19 Construction Specific Web Site**

The U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has launched a [webpage](#) with coronavirus-related guidance for construction industry employers and workers. The guidance includes recommended actions to reduce the risk of exposure to the coronavirus while on a job site or at the office.

Employers of construction industry-related workers should remain alert to changing outbreak conditions, including as they relate to community spread of the virus and testing availability. In response to changing conditions, employers should implement coronavirus infection prevention measures accordingly.

Please keep in mind the guidance is not a standard or regulation, and it creates no new legal obligations. It contains recommendations as well as descriptions of mandatory safety and health standards. The recommendations are advisory in nature, informational in content, and are intended to assist employers in providing a safe and healthy workplace. OSHA requires employers to comply with safety and health standards and regulations promulgated by OSHA or by state with an OSHA-approved state plan. OSHA's General Duty Clause, Section 5(a)(1) requires employers to provide their employees with a workplace free from recognized hazards likely to cause death or serious physical harm.

To visit OSHA's new construction specific COVID-19 web site, please visit:  
<https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/construction.html>

**NY Forward Phase 2 Business Resumptions**

New York Governor Andrew Cuomo and various county executives throughout central New York's 16 county region have indicated additional businesses may be permitted to re-open as early as this Friday, May 29, 2020.

The NY Forward plan lists the following businesses in Phase 2:

- Professional services (attorneys, accountants)
- Retail (malls)
- Administrative support
- Finance and insurance
- Real estate/rentals and leasing
- Barbers and hair salons
- Personal training

To learn more about NY Forward, please visit:

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew Cuomo". The signature is stylized and cursive.