News Release

North Country Set to Begin Phase 1 of Reopening


Broadly, Phase 1 consists of:
- Construction
- Manufacturing
- Wholesale Trade
- Select Retail for Curbside Pickup Only
- Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing

John Kanoza, Clinton County Director of Public Health cautioned, “Only those entities outlined by Governor Cuomo are eligible to reopen in Phase 1. Prior to opening, all businesses are required to designate a safety officer and develop a safety plan.” A business safety plan template is available at https://forward.ny.gov/industries-reopening-phase. In addition, a detailed listing and description of Phase 1 businesses, opening requirements, planning resources, posters and other guidance is available at www.northcountrychamber.com.

Mr. Kanoza also advised residents, “If you are returning to work, follow the safety plan developed by your employer and continue to follow the steps that have gotten us to this point. All residents must remain vigilant and continue to take preventive measures.”

Everyone should:
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after you have been in a public place, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others. Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- Continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.

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