



To: All Residents

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Re: Federal Guidelines for "Opening Up America Again"

### Staying the Course

As New York City passes the 53<sup>rd</sup> day of social distancing and staying at home to prevent a surge of new cases, we understand that many city residents may be getting a little stir crazy. We all want a "return to normalcy", where we can go to work, socialize with family, or enjoy an outing at a local hot spot.

For this to happen, it is important that we "stay the course" and continue to follow CDC guidelines, by practicing social distancing and wear face coverings, at least until the May 15<sup>th</sup> date announced by Governor Cuomo (*Executive Order 202.17*). Management and the Board are working closely to monitor state agencies and health care professional guidelines, to ensure all have the information they need to make informed decisions about how to protect themselves and their loved ones, while we continue to navigate this global crisis.

### Federal Guidelines for "Opening Up America Again"

That said, in response to growing concerns about the economy, on April 16, 2020, President Trump announced new federal guidelines that governors can use to coordinate the reopening of their states amid the coronavirus.

This plan describes three phases through which life can slowly return to a "new normal" while continuing to follow some of the most fundamental aspects of social distancing.



In brief, the three phases are as follows:

	Individuals	Employers
Phase 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All vulnerable individuals continue to stay at home.</li> <li>Physical distancing must be practiced in public places and non-essential travel must be minimized.</li> <li>If schools are closed, they should stay closed. Visiting senior living centers is still not allowed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to encourage telecommuting/remote work, whenever possible and feasible with business operations.</li> <li>If possible, return to work in phases.</li> </ul>
Phase 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Non-essential travel may resume. People should avoid public gatherings of 50 or more unless physical distancing is possible.</li> <li>Visits to senior centers should be prohibited, but schools and day care centers could reopen.</li> <li>Gyms can reopen if they adhere to strict physical distancing and sanitizing protocols; bars may operate with diminished standing-room occupancy where applicable and appropriate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Close common areas where personnel are likely to congregate and interact or enforce strict social distancing protocols.</li> <li>Minimize non-essential travel and adhere to CDC guidelines regarding isolation following travel.</li> <li>Strongly consider special accommodations for personnel who are members of a vulnerable [at risk] population</li> </ul>
Phase 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This would be the country's "new normal."</li> <li>Physical distancing in public places is still recommended, but vulnerable individuals can resume public activities.</li> <li>Low Risk populations should consider minimizing time spent in crowded environments</li> <li>Visits to senior centers can resume.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resume unrestricted staffing of worksites</li> </ul>

As things stand, there is no set timeline for moving through each of these phases. Governors will be making their own determinations, following evidence of a 14-day decline in numbers of reported COVID-19 cases. All residents are advised to continue to adhere to state and local guidance, as well as comply with CDC guidelines, in particular with respect to ongoing social distancing and face coverings.

To read more about the Federal Guidelines go to <https://www.irem.org/File%20Library/GlobalNavigation/Learning/COVID19/GuidelinesForReopening.pdf>