



COVID-19 Update + Resources for Saratoga County Businesses

Saratoga County Prepares for Phase III of Reopening ESSENTIAL BUSINESS GUIDANCE

In anticipation that regions will be moving to Phase III of reopening (earliest possible date for Saratoga County is June 17, 2020), New York State has posted new guidelines.

The Phase III guidelines apply to non-essential businesses in region that are permitted to reopen, essential businesses throughout the state that were previously permitted to remain open, and commercial and recreational activities that have been permitted to operate statewide with restrictions. If guidance has not yet been published for your specific industry, but you are permitted to reopen, please refer to the [NY Forward Safety Plan template](#).

For help determining whether or not your business is eligible to reopen, use the reopen lookup tool [HERE](#).

Guidance for Phase 3 Includes:

- **[Food Service \(Indoor & Outdoor Dining\)](#)** In regions that have reached Phase 3, such establishments may open indoor and outdoor spaces with seating for customers, in accordance with [these guidelines](#) and provided that customers can be seated at tables that are appropriately distanced. "Outdoor space" is defined as open-air space designated for the consumption of food/beverage, which may have a temporary or fixed cover (e.g. awning or roof), so long as such cover has at least two open sides for airflow. Furthermore, restaurants with bar seating can open the area, provided customers are seated and can be distanced appropriately. Consumption of any dine-in food and/or beverage must only occur while customers are seated at tables or bar tops in these spaces.
- **[Personal Care](#)**: This guidance applies to non-hair-related personal care businesses and services, including tattoo and piercing facilities, appearance enhancement practitioners, massage therapy, spas, cosmetology, nail specialty, UV and non-UV tanning, and waxing. This guidance does not apply to any hair-related personal care services (e.g. haircutting, coloring, or styling), which are addressed in the New York State Department of Health's (DOH) "[Interim Guidance for Hair Salons and Barbershops during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#)."

Additional New Guidance Includes:

- **[Higher Education Research \(Phase 1\)](#)**
- **[Childcare and Day Camps](#)**: This guidance applies only to day childcare and camp programs. It does not include overnight childcare and camp programs, which are not

authorized to operate at this time. For additional information regarding daycare, please refer to the [Day Care Council of New York](#).

Business Owners of businesses in ALL PHASES must read the detailed guidelines and provide their [digital signature affirming](#) that they have read and understand the document.

[Review + Sign the NY Forward Business Affirmation](#)

Employers reopening MUST have a plan. [You can use the business safety plan template as a guide.](#) You may also want to review [CDC guidelines](#) and [OSHA protocols](#).

You do NOT as of this time need to file your plan with any federal, state, region, county or local agency. Your plan needs to be in writing and made available should any state or local health agency inspect your facility. While some in the region are inviting employers to sign an online pledge form indicating you agree to follow certain safety rules, you do NOT need to do so. It is voluntary at this time.

As we've done with our five partners in Saratoga County from the start of this pandemic, we will continue to collaborate as we all lead the way sharing with all of you any additional guidance or news about any changes to current rules and regulations.

COVID-19 Resources

Reopening Guidelines

[Saratoga County Reopening Taskforce](#)

[Capital Region Forward - Capital Region Re-opening Plan](#)

[New York Forward - Statewide Re-opening Plan](#)

Funding Resources

[NY Forward Loan Fund \(NYFLF\)](#)

The New York Forward Loan Fund (NYFLF) is a new economic recovery loan program aimed at supporting New York State small businesses, nonprofits, and small landlords as they reopen after the COVID-19 outbreak and NYS on PAUSE. The NYFLF targets the state's small businesses with 20 or fewer full-time equivalent (FTE) employees (90% of all businesses), nonprofits and small landlords that have seen a loss of rental income. The NYFLF is specifically timed to support businesses and organizations as they proceed to reopen and have upfront expenses to comply with guidelines (e.g., inventory, marketing, refitting for new social distancing guidelines) under the New York Forward Plan. These loans are available to small businesses, nonprofits, and small landlords that did not receive a loan from either the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) or SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) for COVID-19 in 2020.

[New York Small Business Development \(SBDC\) Center Webinar on Phase III Business Reopening Guidelines](#)

The NY SBDC will be hosting a live webinar to provide participants with an overview of the Phase III reopening guidelines by industry, guideline affirmation requirements, safety plan development and how to navigate the NY Forward website.

Friday, June 12th from 1:00-2:00 p.m. and 3:00-4:00 p.m.

[NY SBDC PPP Update with Steve Bulger from the SBA](#)

Join SBA Regional Administrator + Saratoga Partnership board member Steve Bulger for a high-level overview of the updates to the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), the SBA Disaster Relief Program, and Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) and Advance programs.

Monday, June 15th from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

[City of Saratoga Springs Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund \(RLF\)](#)

The City of Saratoga Springs established the "Economic Development Revolving Loan Program" to stimulate job creation for residents of low-and moderate-income. The Loan Program helps to subsidize these job opportunities by offering low-interest loans and/or loan guarantees to businesses physically locating within the City of Saratoga Springs.

[Town of Greenfield Revolving Loan Fund \(RLF\)](#)

The Town of Greenfield has a Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) for businesses that are located in the town of Greenfield, are owned by Greenfield residents, or employ significant numbers of Greenfield residents. The purpose of the Revolving Loan Fund is to provide financial assistance to the private sector with the hope of stimulating capital investment and job creation within the Town of Greenfield and surrounding areas.

New York State Contact Tracing

[Contact Tracing](#)

Contact tracing is the process of contacting all people who've had contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19. Contact Tracers have been hired and trained to work with state-of-the-art software to gather information on the spread of the infection. Your participation is confidential.

[New York State Contact Tracing Tool](#)

If you test positive for COVID-19, you will get a call from a public health representative to identify any contacts you have had. This form can help you identify your contacts so you will be ready for the call.

[If you get a call from "NYS Contact Tracing" \(518-387-9993\), please answer the phone!](#)

Join the Contact Tracing Team: Apply here to become a [Contact Tracer](#), [Team Supervisor](#), or [Community Support Specialist](#).

Other Resources

[Regional Monitoring Dashboard](#)

[Saratoga County COVID-19 Dashboard by the Saratoga County Department of Public Health Services](#)

[Find a Test Site Near You](#)

Companies Providing Various PPE (disposable mask, N95, KN95, gloves, face shields, gowns, and hand sanitizer)

- [Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership](#)
- [Saratoga County](#)
- [Capital Region Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Win An Overnight Stay in Saratoga Springs, NY!](#)

Please be advised that both the guidance and the lookup tool are regularly updated. Industry partners are encouraged to continue to check their status for updates.

[Please visit our website for up to date resources for businesses and individuals impacted by Coronavirus \(COVID-19\).](#) If you have questions or need immediate assistance, please email us at needbizhelp@saratogapartnership.org call **518.871.1887**.

The Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership leads a host of critical economic and workforce development initiatives across the public and private sectors, driving economic success for residents, businesses and government in Saratoga County, New York. The Saratoga Partnership provides a point of contact for business retention and expansion, enabling a seamless delivery of programs and services for businesses seeking to grow, and spearheads semiconductor industry marketing and attraction, global trade assistance, community economic development, and data collection and planning. For more, visit us at saratogapartnership.org and on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#). The Saratoga County Prosperity Partnership is a member of the Saratoga County Economic Development Alliance, which includes the Saratoga Economic Development Corporation.

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