

Low-Risk Outdoor Arts and Entertainment

If you operate a low-risk outdoor arts and entertainment business or activity in New York City, new mandates from New York State require you to do the following at the start of Phase 4:

- **Develop a [Safety Plan](#)** and post it at your work site.
- **Read [New York State \(NYS\) guidelines](#)** and affirm compliance.
- The State requires that you **affirm that you have reviewed and understand the State-issued industry guidelines** and that you will implement them. You can fill out the affirmation form [here](#).

View the [full list of requirements on the State website](#) to make sure you are in compliance, and protect employees and customers by taking the following steps to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

1. Stay Home if Sick

Unless you are leaving for essential medical care ([including testing](#)) or other essential errands, stay home if sick. You can also consider implementing additional actions like the ones below to encourage those who are sick to stay home:

- Post the [Stop the Spread poster](#) in employee areas. Additional languages are available on nyc.gov/health/coronavirus or by calling 311 to order a copy.
- Perform health screening **remotely** before employees arrive, where possible.
- Encourage patrons/visitors to complete a health screen or provide their contact information

2. Physical Distancing

Stay at least 6 feet away from other people. You can also consider implementing additional actions like the ones below to keep physical distance:

- Use tape, signs with arrows or other markers to indicate flow of traffic through exhibits, denote 6ft apart for exhibits that are small and likely to become crowded.
- Close communal areas/amenities that promote additional gathering such as cafes or vending machines.
- Where possible, schedule employee meetings and training sessions by phone or online.

- Get creative! Think about how to incorporate a flow of traffic into materials for kids and how to demonstrate physical distancing. For example, is there a zoo animal that is 6ft long, how many of an item related to your museum would make up 6ft?
- At ticket counters and bag checks, consider using barriers like plastic shield walls between employees and patrons. Post markers using tape or signs that denote 6 feet of spacing.
- If you offer lockers to store belongings stagger the use of available lockers to promote physical distancing.
- Implement specific visit times when issuing tickets (e.g. timed entrances/exits) to avoid crowding and encourage patrons to buy tickets ahead of time.

3. Wear a Face Covering

Protect those around you. You can be contagious without symptoms and spread the disease when you cough, sneeze or talk. A face covering can help reduce the spread of COVID-19. You can also consider implementing additional actions like the ones below to encourage the use of face coverings:

- Provide face coverings to patrons and make them available in high-traffic areas
- Place receptacles around the facility for disposal of soiled items, including face coverings.
- Add a reminder to bring a face covering to tour/event reminder texts or emails.

4. Practice Healthy Hand Hygiene

Wash your hands often with soap and water or use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available; clean frequently touched surfaces regularly; avoid touching your face with unwashed hands; and cover your cough or sneeze with your sleeve, not your hands. You can also consider implementing additional actions like the ones below to help maintain healthy hand hygiene:

- Encourage contactless payment, including payment in advance where possible.
- Provide single-use maps, pamphlets, or guides to patrons/visitors, if such items are used.
- Consider making maps, pamphlets, guides, etc. digital, so they can be viewed on personal devices.

The NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) has created plain language Frequently Asked Questions for [each sector re-opening in Phase 4](#), in adherence with the New York State guidance.