

Red Zone Restrictions

Closed

Non-essential indoor and outdoor gatherings of any size (Governor EO 202.68)

No in-person work at non-essential businesses (Governor EO 202.68)(ESD Cluster Action Initiative Guidance)

- All businesses, except those listed as “open” or “open with restrictions

Open with Restrictions¹

Houses of Worship (Governor EO 202.68)

- Capacity must be limited to 50% of maximum occupancy

Restaurants/bars (Governor 202.68 and 202.81) (ESD Cluster Action Initiative Guidance)

- Take out/delivery only

Gyms, fitness centers, classes (ESD Cluster Action Initiative Guidance)

- Only open for remote instruction or streaming of classes from health/fitness centers

Construction (Governor EO 202.68) (ESD Cluster Action Initiative Guidance)

- Construction projects may continue, but any work that can be done remotely such as office-based work must proceed remotely, to the extent practicable. Employees/personnel who are not directly involved in in-person work at the business location/construction site are prohibited

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Lawyers (ESD Cluster Action Initiative Guidance)

- To the extent servicing essential businesses may be in-person
- Work in support of an essential business or service should be conducted as remotely as possible

Real estate services (ESD Cluster Action Initiative Guidance)

- Services may be in-person to the extent “legally necessary” and in accordance with social distancing and cleaning protocols
- All other services must be remote
- Brokerage and branch offices must close to the general public (i.e., not clients)

Auto sales (ESD Cluster Action Initiative Guidance)

- Conducted remotely or electronically
- With in-person vehicle showing, return and delivery by appointment only

Pet grooming (ESD Cluster Action Initiative Guidance)

- Only to the extent necessary to ensure animal health

Open²

Essential Businesses (202.68) (ESD Cluster Action Initiative Guidance at: <https://esd.ny.gov/ny-cluster-action-initiative-guidance>), including

- **Health care:** research and laboratory services, hospitals, walk-in-care health clinics and facilities, veterinary and livestock medical services, senior/elder care, medical wholesale and distribution, home health care workers or aides for the elderly, doctors and doctor’s offices for both emergency and non-emergency appointments, and dentists and dental practices for both emergency and non-emergency appointments, nursing homes, residential health care facilities or congregate care facilities, medical supplies and equipment manufacturers and providers, licensed mental health providers, licensed substance abuse treatment providers, medical billing support personnel, speech pathologists and speech therapy, chiropractic services, acupuncture, physical therapy, occupational therapy; medically necessary massage therapy
- **Infrastructure:** public and private utilities including but not limited to power generation, fuel supply, and transmission; public water and wastewater; telecommunications and data centers; airports/airlines; commercial shipping vessels/ports and seaports; public and private transportation infrastructure such as bus, rail, for-hire vehicles, garages; hotels and other places

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of accommodation, including campgrounds. Campgrounds must take precautions to ensure campers maintain appropriate social distancing and adhere to proper cleaning and disinfecting protocols, including but not limited to maintaining six feet of distance between campers, unless wearing an acceptable face covering, excluding persons from the same household who are camping together

- **Manufacturing:** food processing, manufacturing agents including all foods and beverages; chemicals; medical equipment/instruments; pharmaceuticals; sanitary products including personal care products regulated by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA); telecommunications; microelectronics/semi-conductor; food-producing agriculture/farms, household paper products; defense industry and the transportation infrastructure; automobiles; any parts or components necessary for essential products that are referenced within this guidance
- **Retail:** Grocery stores including all food and beverage stores; pharmacies; convenience stores; farmer's markets; gas stations; restaurants/bars (but only for takeout/delivery); hardware, appliance, and building material stores; pet food; telecommunications to service existing customers and accounts; all other retail may operate for curbside pick-up or delivery only with no customers allowed within the establishment and only one employee physically present to fulfill orders.
- **Services:** 2020 Census operations and activities; Trash and recycling collection, processing, and disposal; mail and shipping services; laundromats and other clothing/fabric cleaning services; building cleaning and maintenance; child care services; bicycle repair; auto repair and maintenance; automotive sales conducted remotely or electronically, with in-person vehicle showing, return, and delivery by appointment only; warehouse/distribution and fulfillment; funeral homes, crematoriums and cemeteries; storage for essential businesses; maintenance for the infrastructure of the facility or to maintain or safeguard materials or products therein; animal shelters and animal care including dog walking, animal boarding and pet grooming but only to the extent necessary to ensure animal health; food and non-food agriculture; landscaping, gardening and horticulture; designing, printing, publishing and signage companies to the extent that they support essential businesses or services
- **News media**
- **Certain office-based work, including financial services and research:** Banks or lending institutions; insurance; payroll; accounting; services related to financial markets except for debt collection; higher education research; other office-based work not specified here may operate remotely
- **Providers of basic necessities to economically disadvantaged populations:** homeless shelters and congregate care facilities; food banks; human services providers whose function includes the direct care of patients in state-licensed or funded voluntary programs; the care, protection, custody and oversight of individuals both in the community and in state-licensed residential facilities; those operating community shelters and other critical human services agencies providing direct care or support
- **Defense:** Defense and national security-related operations supporting the U.S. Government or a contractor to the U.S. Government

- **Services necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation and essential operations of residences or other businesses:** Law enforcement, including corrections and community supervision; fire prevention and response; building code enforcement; security; emergency management and response, EMS and 911 dispatch; building cleaners or janitors; general and specialized maintenance whether employed by the entity directly or a vendor including but not limited to HVAC and pool maintenance; automotive repair; cleaning, disinfection, and sanitation services; occupational safety and health professionals; residential and commercial moving services
- **Vendors that provide essential services or products, including logistics and technology support, child care and services including but not limited to:** logistics; technology support for online services; child care programs and services; government owned or leased buildings; essential government services; any personnel necessary for online or distance learning or classes delivered via remote means

Additional Resources

- New York's Cluster Action Initiative Guidance: <https://esd.ny.gov/ny-cluster-action-initiative-guidance>
- Governor Executive Order 202.68: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-20268-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency>
- Governor Executive Order 202.74: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-20274-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency>
- Governor Executive Order 202.81: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-20281-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency>
- New York Forward Website: <https://forward.ny.gov>
- Maps of Cluster Zones: <https://forward.ny.gov>
- FAQ on Governor's Executive Order 202.74: <https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/counseltothemayor/downloads/EO-202-74-FAQ.pdf>

Orange Zone Restrictions

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Non-essential indoor and outdoor gatherings of more than 10 people (Governor EO 202.68)

Private residential gatherings of more than 10 people (Governor EO 202.74)

Any business listed as closed on the NY Forward website (located at <http://forward.ny.gov>), including:

- **Higher-risk Outdoor Arts and Entertainment Activities** including, but not limited to, places of public amusement (e.g., amusement parks, water parks, carnivals), concerts, or performing arts in excess of the non-essential gathering limit
- **Higher-risk Indoor Arts and Entertainment Activities** including, but not limited to, places of public amusement (e.g., arcades), concerts, movie theaters (except drive-ins), performing arts, or other theatrical productions

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Houses of Worship (Governor EO 202.68)

- Capacity must be limited to 50% of maximum occupancy

Restaurants/bars (Governor EO 202.68, 202.74, and 202.81)

- Indoor dining prohibited
- Outdoor dining permitted, provided that any one seated group or party must not exceed 4 people
- Bars and restaurants must close at 10:00pm for on-premises consumption
- Take out/delivery permitted

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Gyms (Governor EO 202.81)

- Open at 25% capacity and must adhere to Department of Health guidance

Barbers, hair salons, spas, tattoo or piercing parlors, nail technicians and nail salons, cosmetologists, estheticians, the provision of laser hair removal and electrolysis, and all other personal care services (Governor EO 202.81)

- Employees performing personal care services directly to customers must receive a COVID-19 test weekly; and
- Employees may not begin providing these services until they receive a negative COVID-19 test within the preceding 7 days of providing such service
- Must adhere to Department of Health guidance

Open²

Essential Businesses (Governor EO 202.68) (ESD Guidance at: <https://esd.ny.gov/guidance-executive-order-2026>), including:

- Essential healthcare operations; essential infrastructure; essential manufacturing; essential retail; essential services; news media; financial institutions; providers of basic necessities to economically disadvantaged populations; construction; defense; essential services necessary to maintain safety, sanitation and essential operation of residences or other businesses; vendors that provide essential services or products, including logistics and technology support, child care and services; recreation; certain professional services with extensive restrictions

Any other business listed as open on the NY Forward website (located at <http://forward.ny.gov>), including businesses in the following industries:

- **Construction:** building equipment contractors; building finishing contractors; foundation, structure, and building exterior contractors; highway, street and bridge construction; land subdivision; nonresidential building construction; residential building construction; utility system construction
- **Agriculture:** non-food related agriculture activities, including but not limited to greenhouses, nurseries, sod farms, equine operations, forestry and tree farms, companion animal services and local agricultural demonstrations and exhibitions; other animal production; other crop production, support activities for animal production; support activities for crop production
- **Forestry:** support activities for forestry
- **Fishing:** all commercial fishing services and for-hire vessel activities

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- **Retail Trade:** clothing stores; direct selling establishments; electronics and appliance stores; electronic shopping and mail-order houses; furniture and home furnishing stores; florists; general merchandise stores; health and personal care stores; jewelry, luggage, and leather goods stores; lawn and garden equipment and supplies stores; office supplies, stationery, and gift stores; used merchandise stores; shoe stores; sporting goods, hobby, musical instrument and book stores; other miscellaneous store retailers
- **Manufacturing:** apparel manufacturing; computer and electronic product manufacturing; electric lighting equipment manufacturing; fabricated metal product manufacturing; furniture and related product manufacturing; leather and allied product manufacturing; machinery manufacturing; nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing; paper manufacturing; petroleum and coal products manufacturing; plastics and rubber products manufacturing; printing and related support activities; textile mills; textile product mills; wood product manufacturing; other miscellaneous manufacturing
- **Wholesale Trade:** apparel, piece goods, and notions merchant wholesalers; chemical and allied products merchant wholesalers; furniture and home furnishing merchant wholesalers; household appliances and electrical and electronic goods merchant wholesalers; machinery, equipment, and supplies merchant wholesalers; metal and mineral (except Petroleum) merchant wholesalers; paper and paper product merchant wholesalers; professional and commercial equipment and supplies merchant wholesalers; wholesale electronic markets and agents and brokers; miscellaneous durable goods merchant wholesalers; miscellaneous nondurable goods merchant wholesalers
- **Higher Education Research:** higher education research facilities and research activities
- **Offices:** All business activities where the core function takes place within an office setting that have been permitted to reopen. This guidance may apply – but is not limited – to businesses and entities in the following sectors: professional services, nonprofit, technology, administrative support, and higher education administration. These guidelines may also apply to business operating parts of their business functions under different guidelines (e.g. front office for a construction company)
- **Real Estate:** residential property management entities; real estate salespeople/brokers; building inspectors; building appraisers; and related activities
- **Essential and in-store retail:** all in-store non-essential retail businesses, as well as all in-store essential retail businesses
- **Vehicle Sales, Leases, and Rentals:** vehicle sale, lease and rental activities
- **Retail Rental, Repair and Cleaning:** retail rental repair, and cleaning businesses such as electronics repair, equipment rental, clothing rental, laundromats, other clothing/fabric cleaning services, and residential cleaning services
- **Commercial Building Management:** commercial/non-residential property management entities and related activities
- **Low-risk Indoor Arts & Entertainment:** indoor museums; historical sites; aquariums; and other related low-risk indoor arts and entertainment businesses and organizations
- **Low-Risk Outdoor Arts & Entertainment:** outdoor zoos; botanical gardens; nature parks; grounds of historic sites and cultural institutions; outdoor museums; outdoor agritourism/agricultural demonstrations; and other related institutions or activities.

- **Media Production:** all activities undertaken in motion picture, music, television, and streaming productions on set, on location, or at any production or recording site
- **Professional Sports Competitions with no Fans:** all activities undertaken in preparation for professional sports competitions, as well as the conduct of such competitions, at an appropriate venue for professional sports competitions, such as a stadium or arena.
- **Malls:** all indoor, strip, and outlet malls permitted to operate.
- **Gaming Facilities:** commercial casinos and video lottery gaming facilities

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- **Commercial Building Management:** commercial/non-residential property management entities and related activities
- **Hair Salons and Barbershops:** hair service businesses including hair salons, barbershops, and other similar hair service businesses
- **Personal Care:** 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, or waxing
- **Higher Education:** all types of in-person higher education institutions, including but not limited to community and junior colleges, universities, graduate and professional schools, medical schools, and technical schools
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- **Malls:** all indoor, strip, and outlet malls permitted to operate
- **Gyms and Fitness Centers:** standalone, hotel, residential, and office gyms and fitness centers; gyms and fitness centers in higher education institutions; yoga/Pilates/barre studios; boxing/kickboxing gyms; fitness boot camps; and CrossFit or other plyometric boxes
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