



FDNY

Bureau of Fire Prevention

Opening Safely with COVID-19

INTRODUCTION

As the city reopens, building owners and occupants may be unfamiliar with fire and life safety hazards linked to extended closures. The Fire Department is committed to identifying these hazards and alerting businesses of unsafe conditions. Our goal is to support the safe reopening of New York City businesses and protect the life and safety of all New Yorkers.

Bureau of Fire Prevention (BFP) Inspectors are inspecting businesses to verify compliance with fire and life safety codes and regulations, reminding business to maintain:

MEANS OF EGRESS



- All exits must be kept clear of garbage and other items that may block the exit.
- Emergency Lighting must be in working order

FIRE EXTINGUISHERS



Monthly QUICK CHECK to see if:

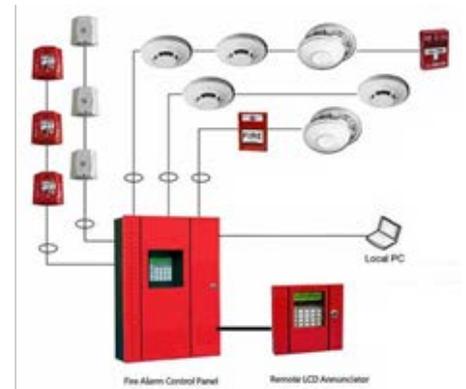
- the fire extinguisher is fully charged;
- it is in its designated place;
- it has not been used or tampered with;
- there is no obvious or physical damage or condition to prevent its operation
- and it is readily accessible.

STORAGE OF FLAMMABLES AND COMBUSTIBLES



- Storage of combustibles such as boxes, books, papers, furniture and piles of trash are hazardous and can be fuel for fire.
- Garbage, excess paint or tools should never be stored in walkways or in front of exits.
- **KEEP IN MIND:** Hand Sanitizer is FLAMMABLE. You must keep it away from open flames and possible heat sources.

SPRINKLER AND FIRE ALARM SYSTEM



- Sprinkler and Fire alarm systems must be tested, serviced, monitored and maintained by a qualified professional

Smoke and Carbon Monoxide detectors/alarms

- Must be checked periodically to make they are working.



Reopening and Staying Safe at Work with COVID-19



As part of a citywide effort to minimize the spread of COVID-19, the Bureau of Fire Prevention Inspectors will also verify compliance with universal Coronavirus Disease prevention requirements.

What employers must do *before* you reopen your business:

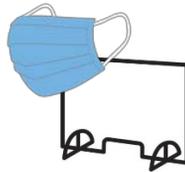
- Visit <https://forward.ny.gov/> and read all of the New York State guidelines for your industry.
- Fill out the affirmation form at <https://forms.ny.gov/s3/ny-forward-affirmation>.
- Develop a safety plan (template available at <https://forward.ny.gov/>) and post it at your worksite where workers can see it.

What employers must do and workers should expect *when* your business reopens:



Conduct an employee health screening every day.

Workers should stay home if sick or go home if they become sick at work.



Give workers free face coverings and provide replacements. Workers must stay at least 6 feet from others and wear a face covering or mask if they are less than 6 feet from others. Appropriate physical barriers are also encouraged when social distancing is not possible.



Provide and maintain hand hygiene stations for personnel, including handwashing with soap, water, and paper towels, as well as an alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing 60% or more alcohol for areas where handwashing is not possible.



Regularly clean shared equipment and frequently touched surfaces.



Post signs and put tape or other markers to show people where to stand.



Have a designated area for pickups and deliveries.

QUESTIONS?

For the latest updates, visit nyc.gov/coronavirus.

For more business information visit nyc.gov/business.

For more worker related information, call 311 and ask for the *Worker Protection Hotline* or visit nyc.gov/workers. For **FDNY** related questions please call **311** and ask for *FDNY Business Support* or visit nyc.gov/fdny.