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Livingston County Provides Guidance to Residents and Businesses for Phase 1 Reopening

Geneseo, NY, May 14, 2020 — Governor Cuomo recently announced that the Finger Lakes region has met all seven metrics required to begin a Phase 1 reopening on May 15, 2020.

“Residents and businesses have done an incredible job during this pandemic in adapting to the new normal and exercising responsible citizenship. We are now prepared to enter Phase 1 of a multi-phase reopening,” stated County Administrator Ian M. Coyle. “That being said, COVID-19 has not gone away. As Phase 1 begins, we would like to urge Livingston County residents and businesses to remain vigilant in order to slow the spread of this virus. This is a gradual reopening and not carte blanche.”

Livingston County officials would like to share the following guidance for residents and businesses as Phase 1 begins.

Residents: All Livingston County residents are urged to follow these precautions on a daily basis:

- Practice social distancing
- Wear face coverings
- Properly wash hands and use sanitizer
- Clean surfaces regularly
- Stay home if sick

For more information on these health and safety guidelines, please visit Livingston County's dedicated COVID-19 webpage [here](#) or call the Livingston County Department of Health (LCDOH) at 585-243-7270.

Businesses: Please visit the Empire State Development website [here](#) for a current list of essential businesses. For the most up-to-date list of businesses that are allowed to open in Phase 1, please visit the NY Forward website [here](#).

Throughout the phased reopening, it will be the responsibility of business owners to ensure that the safety of all remains paramount to ongoing operations. All businesses will be subject to ongoing LCDOH regulations and guidance as issued by New York State and Livingston County.

As part of the reopening process, all businesses are required to visit the website [here](#) and attest that you have read and understand the guidance required for your industry. Businesses will still be required to have:

- Face coverings for all employees and customers (where and when applicable) if in frequent contact with others.
- Social distance protocols and related actions for safety of employees, customers, and vendors.
- Proper procedures for a safe, clean and sanitized workplace. Frequent cleaning of customer touch points. Employee training to ensure employee, customer, and vendor safety.
- Changes in the physical space to limit access to areas where congregation can occur.
- Adjustments to workplace hours and shift design as necessary to reduce density in the workplace.
- Policies that consider restricting non-essential travel for employees
- A continuous health screening process for individuals to enter the workplace.
- Liability processes.

For further guidance on how to re-imagine your workplace in terms of social distancing, safety and sanitization, and messaging and communications, please visit the Livingston County Economic Development website [here](#) or call the office at 585-243-7124.

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