



May 14, 2020

Dear St. John's Meadows and Brickstone by St. John's Residents,

Governor Cuomo has announced the New York State Finger Lakes Region is able to begin phase one its reopening plan this weekend. We know everyone is wondering how this affects restrictions being lifted in our communities. We remain unsure of when things will return to normal for us, but continue adhering to instructions. The following is a list of businesses that will be allowed to reopen per the NYS Governor's Office:

### **Construction**

1. Building equipment and finishing contractors
2. Building exterior, foundation, and structure contractors
3. Residential and non-residential building construction
4. Utility system construction
5. Highway, street, and bridge construction
6. Land subdivision

### **Manufacturing**

1. Apparel
2. Electronics and computers
3. Electric lighting equipment
4. Furniture
5. Fabricated metal
6. Machinery
7. Leather and allied product
8. Nonmetallic mineral product
9. Paper
10. Plastics and rubber products
11. Coal and petroleum products
12. Textile mills and textile product mills
13. Printing
14. Wood product

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## **Wholesale Trade**

1. Apparel, piece goods, notions
2. Chemical and allied products
3. Furniture, home furnishing
4. Household appliances, electrical, and electronic goods
5. Machinery, equipment, and supplies
6. Metal and mineral - excluding petroleum
7. Paper and paper products
8. Wholesale electronics markets, agents, and brokers
9. Professional, commercial supplies, and equipment
10. Miscellaneous durable and non-durable goods wholesalers

## **Retail trade**

As mentioned, retail businesses will be allowed to conduct curbside pickup and drop-off related business.

1. Clothing
2. Direct-sellers
3. Appliance and electronics stores
4. Electronic shopping and mail-order establishments
5. Furniture and home furnishing
6. Florists
7. Health and personal care
8. Jewelry, leather goods, luggage
9. Lawn and garden supplies and equipment
10. Office supplies and gift stores
11. Shoe stores
12. Sporting goods
13. General merchandise
14. Miscellaneous store retailers

The NYS Governor's Office posted on May 11- "If Phase I is successful, Phases II, III, and IV will be activated sequentially."

### **Phase II: May 29**

- Professional services
- Finance and insurance
- Retail
- Administrative support
- Real estate/rental leasing

### **Phase III: June 12**

- Restaurants
- Food services
- Hotels and Accommodations

### **Phase IV: June 26**

- Arts
- Entertainment
- Recreation

As you can see, senior housing is not listed in the phases. Therefore, we are placing housing into the same category as *Hotels and Accommodations* and will follow the government guidelines that apply for reopening. As for now, we will continue to enforce all of the safety measures we have put in place with a few planned exceptions. Beginning Monday, June 8, we will be opening the following on a limited basis:

- Swimming Pool
- Fitness Rooms
- Limited gatherings in lobby spaces

If there are no health and wellness issues related to the easing of restrictions, beginning June 29 the following will be cautiously available:

- The Multi-Purpose rooms will be open for social games and activity.
- There are also plans to reactivate social recreation programming, dining room service, and expanded transportation services. However, we do not have a specific date yet.

Each phased release of restrictions will be dependent on a 14-day window of consistent decrease of or an absence of new positive cases. If new positive COVID-19 cases arise during the phased opening, the 14-day window will reset.

Please know that all of these options will not return to the way they were prior to COVID-19. Our policy for your safety continues to require, but is not limited to the following until further notice:

- Chairs and tables will be distanced.
- Masks must be worn in public.
- Frequent hand sanitizer use and handwashing will still be highly encouraged.
- Gatherings of 5 or more people will be strongly discouraged.
- Visitation will continue to be restricted until further notice.
- Continued screening at all entryways
- Sanitized and delivered packages
- Limited transportation

Please remember to continue wearing masks over your nose and mouth. We have seen too many folks not wearing masks properly and we need to continue our diligence for safety precautions. Masks mutually protect everyone from spreading germs.

The precautions put into place will not go on forever; we are hoping a reliable vaccine is in the near future. Until then, utilizing PPE is our best safe-guard for preventing the spread of germs.

I continue to ask for your support, patience, and compliance for the health and safety of all. We have come a long way and so far have been successful keeping everyone healthy. Yet, we must persevere and not let our guard down.

I will leave you with this quote that I think it is fitting given the times we are living in.

*"There have been so many stories about the lack of courtesy, the impatience of today's world, road rage and even restaurant rage. Sometimes, all it takes is one kind word to nourish another person. Think of the ripple effect that can be created*

*when we nourish someone. One kind, empathetic word has a wonderful way of turning into many."*

- Mr. Rogers

Stay Safe, Stay Well, and Stay Strong.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Bartlett". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Paul Bartlett