

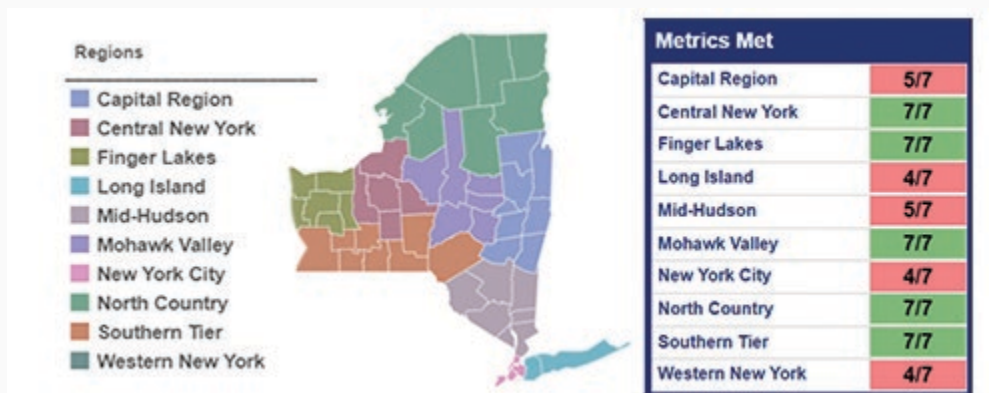
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New York Update

Regions Begin To Hit Milestones Toward Reopening *Make Your Reopening Plan Now*

Five regions within New York State have met State requirements to begin Phase 1 reopening on Friday, May 15th. The regions include Central New York, Finger Lakes, Mohawk Valley, North County and Western New York. View the Region Dashboard [here](#).



The New York Department of Health has stated "***Certain low-risk business and recreational activities will be ready to reopen statewide on May 15th, including landscaping and gardening businesses.***" We are actively advocating for further guidance on this statement and its impact on the Pool and Spa industry

Phase 1 includes the reopening of construction, manufacturing, and select retail for curbside pickup only. [View NY Forward: A guide to reopening New York](#)

While the regions entering Phase 1 on May 15th do not include NESPA territories, it is important to take the time to review safety guidelines that will be required for businesses once they are able to reopen in Phase 1.

The State has put together both mandatory actions and recommended practices for both construction and retail operations.

Safety Guidelines:

- [Reference Guide: Construction Guidelines](#)
- [Complete Guidance for Construction](#)
- [Reference Guide: Retail Guidelines](#)

Each business reopening must develop a written **Safety Plan** outlining how its workplace will prevent the spread of COVID-19. This written document does not need to be submitted to State but must be retained onsite and available to provide to the New York State Department of health (DOH) or local health or safety authorities in the event of an inspection. The State has created template you can use as a guide in creating your plan.

- [Business Re-Opening Safety Plan Template](#)

**Get your plans in place now so you can be ready
when reopening is approved in the areas that you work.**

This information is being provided to you as a member of the Northeast Spa and Pool association and is intended for your use to make decisions about your individual business during the restrictions put in place as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak. If you have concerns about your specific business operation you should consult your attorney. This is not intended as nor should be construed to be legal advice.

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