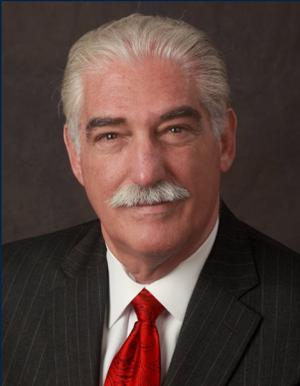


Building Trades Employers Association COVID-19 Contractor Resource Center

Industry Alert

Governor's New York Forward Re-Opening Advisory Board Update



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Based on a call with the Governor's New York Forward Re-Opening Advisory Board a few minutes ago with Bill Mulrow, Steve Cohen and Robert Mujica here is where we are;

NYC is NOT one of the 5 Regions the Governor is allowing to re-open on May 15. In order to open up, NYC will have to meet the metrics outlined by the Governor regarding the pandemic. NYC will be reviewed again in two weeks.

I asked them very specific questions with regards to how this process will work and here is how they responded: Upon meeting the given metrics ALL construction projects will be allowed to go back to work. A website is in the process of being established by the Empire State Development Corp., which will require each project to register before it can open. It is currently unclear whether it is the owner or contractor that will be the applicant.

The applicant will have to affirm that they have read the protocols that will be established by NYS, agrees to comply with them and have a plan to follow them. While temperature taking and testing are not required, temperature taking is recommended. They will also be developing some base questions that all employees will have to answer and a record of those answers must be kept.

I am assuming ,but will have to confirm, that the COVID-19 Guidelines the state will be issuing for construction will be the ones developed in the BTEA / REBNY / BCTC / BCA / CAGNY / Subcontractor discussions we have been having. We submitted the revisions they requested last week and have not heard anything back yet.

Tomorrow night, I will be on the first call with the Mayor's Advisory Council and will be bringing up the issue of requiring all inspectors to comply with our protocols and a process for contractors to notify DOB if an inspector is found to have a temperature coming on one of our sites. We need to be clear that the inspector will not be given access to the site and the contractor will notify the agency. We do not want to be responsible for tracking a city employee.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call.