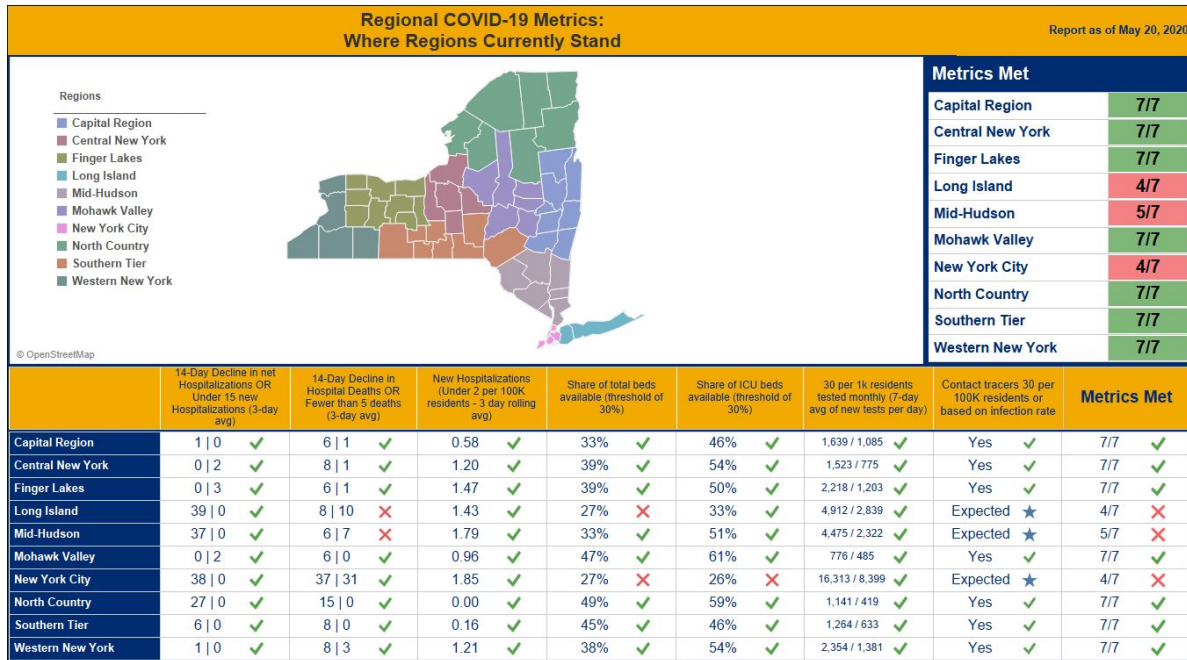


# Phased Reopening of Businesses on Long Island

Long Island will begin reopening our businesses in Phases, with at least two weeks in between each Phase. The State is using 7 metrics, which focus on hospitalization and infection rates, to determine when a region is eligible to begin reopening.

Long Island has completed between 4 and 5 of the 7 metrics. For a more detailed explanation of the metrics and the chart below, visit: <https://forward.ny.gov/metrics-guide-reopening-new-york>



Based on the data and information available, Long Island may qualify to enter into Phase 1 as early as May 28th, or as late as the first half of June. This is dependent on hiring contact tracers, increasing hospital capacity, and most importantly continuing the downward trend of hospital deaths. Once all 7 metrics are met, Phase 1 businesses may begin opening. However, they must also comply with state guidelines.

As businesses reopen, they will **not be returning to business as usual**. Transmission of COVID-19 will remain a threat to employees and customers for some time, and business owners will need to adapt to this “new normal.” Each business and industry must have a plan to protect employees and consumers, make the physical work space safer and implement processes that lower risk of infection in the business.

Businesses owners will be required to read the state guidance and affirm their understanding of and compliance with those guidelines. They also must develop a safety plan and keep it on the premises, and will be responsible for keeping up-to-date with state requirements.

Phase 1 businesses can find industry-specific requirements for reopening, recommended best practices, safety plan templates, and other important and useful information here:

<https://forward.ny.gov/industries-reopening-phase#overview--reopening-in-phases>



The following includes the industries eligible to reopen under each of the 4 Phases. This information is becoming more detailed by the day, and understandably, there is currently more information available for Phase 1 than for the other Phases.

## Phase 1

- May 28th the earliest
- Industries allowed to reopen under Phase 1 include - Construction, Manufacturing, Agriculture, Wholesale Trade, and Retail
- \*\*Retail is limited to curbside or in-store pick up and drop off
- Clothing stores, florists, jewelers, appliance and furniture stores, direct selling establishments, health and personal care stores, office supply stores and others fall under “retail” industry

----Two week minimum waiting period----

## Phase 2

- June 11th the earliest
- Industries approved to reopen under Phase 2 include - Professional Services, Finance and Insurance, Administrative Support, Real Estate, Storefront Retailers

----Two week minimum waiting period ----

## Phase 3

- June 25th the earliest
- Industries approved to reopen under Phase 3 include - Restaurants and Food Services

---- Two week minimum waiting period----

## Phase 4

- July 9th the earliest
- Industries approved to reopen under Phase 4 include - the Arts, Entertainment, Theaters, Recreation, Education

If you are unsure of what Phase your business falls under, go to the **New York Business Reopening Lookup Tool**: <https://www.businessexpress.ny.gov/app/nyforward>