



# TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON

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**AS REOPENING OF ECONOMIC SECTORS BEGINS AFTER PANDEMIC SHUTDOWN, EAST HAMPTON BUSINESSES ARE ADVISED TO PLAN AHEAD IN ORDER TO MAXIMIZE SUMMER SEASON**

**East Hampton Town officials and appointed Business Recovery Group alert business owners to state-mandated industry safety protocols and filing requirements**

***New York State authorized reopening of Phase One businesses as of Wed., May 27; Phase Two reopenings could be imminent***

Businesses intending to reopen after having operations suspended during the coronavirus pandemic must read and file an affirmation with NYS that they will follow mandated safety protocols, and must prepare and post a state-mandated safety plan.

Construction; retail (for curbside or in-store pick-up or drop-off only); wholesale; fishing; agriculture; manufacturing; forestry, and hunting industries are presently eligible for reopening as part of the state's Phase One economy reopening after making the required filing.

Phase Two, when authorized for Long Island, will include offices; real estate; in-store retail; vehicle sales, rentals, and leases; retail rental, repair, and cleaning, commercial building management, and hair salons and barbershops.

**Before reopening any business, the health and safety protocol affirmation must be filed with the state through its NY Forward site: <https://forward.ny.gov/ny-forward>**

East Hampton business owners are urged to immediately review and make arrangements for safe operating procedures, and file the required affirmation with the state, in preparation for immediate reopening when their industry sector is authorized by the state to resume.

A reopening guide, with links to NYS information — including a look-up tool for business owners unsure when they might expect to reopen — has been prepared by the East Hampton Town Business Recovery Group, and can be found at <https://ehamptonny.gov/DocumentCenter/View/4539/Website-Navigation-Flyer>