

(5.11.20) Update from Brown & Weinraub team:

### **5/11 Daily Briefing Notes**

At his daily briefing today, Governor Cuomo announced that the Finger Lakes, Southern Tier & Mohawk Valley Regions have met criteria to begin phase 1 re-opening on May 15 meaning construction, manufacturing, retail for curbside pickup, agriculture, forestry and fishing can begin when NYS on PAUSE orders expire. The Governor said the North Country and Central New York regions are close to meeting benchmarks as well.

Statewide, certain low-risk business and recreational activities --including landscaping, gardening, tennis & drive-in-movie theaters -- will reopen on may 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Governor also designated members of Regional Control Rooms to monitor regional metrics during reopening process and issued a guide to reopening. The guide notes that local officials will be responsible for enforcement of reopening guidelines including holding businesses and individuals accountable for compliance with rules.

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/video-audio-photos-rush-transcript-amid-ongoing-covid-19-pandemic-governor-cuomo-announces-23>

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/NYForwardReopeningGuide.pdf>

### **Over the Weekend**

Governor Cuomo proposed the "Americans First Law" which states that a corporation cannot be eligible to receive government funding if it does not rehire the same number of employees that the corporation had before the COVID-19 pandemic.

Governor Cuomo announced New York State is notifying 49 other states across the country of emerging cases of COVID-related illness in children. The State is currently investigating 85 reported cases in New York where children - predominantly school-aged - are experiencing symptoms similar to an atypical Kawasaki disease or a toxic shock-like syndrome possibly due to COVID-19. The illness has taken the lives of three young New Yorkers and an additional two deaths are currently under investigation.