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NEW YORK CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
KEITH POWERS



Dear Neighbor:

Last Monday, June 8, marked the start of New York City's reopening. This is a credit to our frontline workers and all the New Yorkers who stayed home, wore a mask, and kept others safe.

The city will be reopening in phases, with guidance provided on an ongoing basis. Presently, phases are planned two weeks apart. While decisions are still being made, below outlines the industries that will open over the coming months. The phases are based on economic impact and level of potential risk of transmission of coronavirus.

Phase 1: Where New York City Is Today

- Construction
- Retail, limited to curbside or in-store pickup or drop off
- Manufacturing
- Agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting
- Wholesale trade

Guidance for businesses restarting in this phase can be found [here](#).

Phase 2: Projected to begin June 22

- Hair salons and barbershops, adhering to [guidelines](#)
- Outdoor dining, at limited capacity
- Houses of worship, at limited capacity

Phase 3: Projected to begin July 6

- [Dine-in service](#) at restaurants and hotels, at limited capacity
- Personal care, including nail salons, at limited capacity

Phase 4

- Arts
- Entertainment
- Recreation
- Schools (will remain closed for the 2019-2020 academic year)

You can find further resources and updated information on [NY Forward's website](#).

New York City Public Schools

The Department of Education is considering various options for the safe return to school in September and will be consulting students and parents on these plans. Read more and take the survey from the [Department of Education](#).

Parks and Playgrounds

I have heard from many families who are eager to see playgrounds reopened. While playgrounds remain closed based on health officials' recommendations, I have reached out to the Parks Department asking for guidance on a timeline for safely reopening playgrounds. Many of my constituents have reached out to my office with regard to reopening dog runs. I sent a letter to Mayor de Blasio [asking for guidance and a plan](#) for their safe reopening. Parks are open to New Yorkers, with reminders to maintain social distancing. Stay updated at nyc.gov/parks.

As a reminder, in light of COVID-19, New Yorkers are encouraged to vote by absentee ballot in the June 23 primary election, and can request an absentee ballot at nycabsentee.com by Tuesday, June 16. For those voting in-person for the June primary, early voting sites for my district are logged on the Board of Elections' poll site locator: <https://nyc.pollsitelocator.com/search>. Sites include Campos Community Center, Brookdale Campus, John Jay College, Wagner Middle School, and the Jackie Robinson Complex.

Please reach out to me at kpowers@council.nyc.gov or call 212-818-0580 with any needs

Regards,



Keith

P.S. Today, the City Council is holding a hearing on the “Community Organics and Recycling Empowerment (CORE)” Act, legislation I am sponsoring to reinstate composting across the city. [Show your support and tune in.](#)



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