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***BIC COVID-19 NOTIFICATION #6***

To all licensees and registrants:

This notification is an update to the Business Integrity Commission's prior notifications regarding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

On April 12, 2020, New York State Governor Andrew M. Cuomo issued Executive Order (EO) 202.16 requiring essential businesses to supply their employees with face masks or coverings when interacting with customers or members of the public at no cost to employees. This requirement went into effect on April 15, 2020 at 8:00pm. You can access EO 202.16 here:

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-20216-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency>

For additional guidance regarding EO 202.16, you can access the New York State Department of Health guidance on face-covering requirements for public and private employees interacting with the public during the COVID-19 outbreak here:

[https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/04/doh\\_covid19\\_eo20216employeefacecovering\\_041420.pdf](https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2020/04/doh_covid19_eo20216employeefacecovering_041420.pdf)

Also, on April 15, 2020, Governor Cuomo signed EO 202.17, effective Friday, April 17, 2020 at 8:00pm, requiring all New Yorkers to wear a mask or a face covering when in a public place and unable to maintain, or when not maintaining, social distancing. You can access EO 202.17 here:

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-20217-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency>

In addition, the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene has updated as of April 16, 2020, the following two guidance documents: (1) "COVID-19: General Guidance for Businesses and Other Non-Health Care Settings", and (2) "COVID-19: General Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting for Non-Health Care Settings." Those documents are attached to this notification.

***BIC's previous notifications regarding COVID-19 can be viewed here:  
<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/bic/news/notices.page>***

***\*\*\* Notify BIC promptly of any service-related issues related to the COVID-19 outbreak by calling the BIC complaint line at (212) 437-0600. \*\*\****