

## Important Community Information – June 2020

### Beat The Heat:

- Summer season is approaching and NYCEM encourages New Yorkers to “Beat the Heat” and to take steps to be prepared for extreme heat.
- New Yorkers are especially vulnerable to extreme heat-related hazards during the summer months. Extreme heat is defined by temperatures that hover 10 degrees or more above the average high temperature is expected to reach 95°F to 99°F for two or more consecutive days, or 100°F to 104°F for any length of time and are accompanied by high humidity.
- Check on your neighbors during a heatwave, especially if they are seniors, young children, and people with disabilities and access and functional needs.
- Know the signs of heat illness. Prolonged exposure to the heat can be harmful and potentially fatal. Call 911 if you or someone you know shows signs or symptoms of heat illness, including headache, lightheadedness, muscle cramps, nausea, and vomiting. (Learn more about [heat-related illnesses and tips](#) from the NYC Department of Health & Mental Hygiene.)
- The City is helping it's most vulnerable New Yorkers prepare by installing 74,000 air conditioners in their homes. Installations started last week and scheduled through July 1st. For more information visit the 311 GetCool Air Conditioning website: <https://portal.311.nyc.gov/article/?kanumber=KA-03305>
- The Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) Cooling Assistance Component benefit provides a limited number of air conditioners or fans for people who have a medical condition that is made worse by heat: <https://www.ny.gov/services/apply-heating-and-cooling-assistance-heap>

### Help With the New York City Emergency Management Cooling Centers Process

NYCEM is looking to expand its inventory of cooling centers for vulnerable New Yorkers to visit during heat emergencies with proper social distancing. Partners interested in submitting a space that they own must fill out the following survey and meet the following criteria:

- Be free and open to the general public
- Have air conditioning
- Have space for visitors to sit while maintaining social distancing
- Have restrooms and water
- Accessible
- Staffed
- Cleaned and disinfected regularly

If you have or know someone who owns such a space, ask them to participate by filling out this survey: <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/em/ready/share-your-space-survey.page>

### Tips for staying cool while maintaining social distancing:

- Stay out of the sun.
- Cool showers or baths may be helpful but avoid extreme temperature changes. Never take a shower immediately after becoming overheated – extreme temperature changes may make you ill, nauseated, or dizzy.
- If you have to be outside, wear lightweight, light-colored, loose clothing that covers as much of your skin as possible.



Questions, Comments, Concerns?

Contact us at [intergov@oem.nyc.gov](mailto:intergov@oem.nyc.gov)

- Drink fluids — particularly water — even if you do not feel thirsty. \*People with heart, kidney or liver disease or on fluid restricted diets should check with their doctors before increasing fluid intake.\*
  - Avoid sugary drinks such as Sodas; teas, coffee, and alcohol.
- Never leave children, pets, or those who require special care in a parked car during periods of intense summer heat.
- Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose clothing that covers as much of your skin as possible.
- Protect your home from extreme heat.
  - Install high-performance windows and sunshades.
  - Check the condition of your air conditioning and ventilation systems.
- Insulate your home.

**Additional tips to stay healthy and safe before and during extreme heat:**

- Turn off nonessential appliances.
- Have emergency supplies on hand in case of an outage. If you lose power, notify your utility provider immediately.

**Know Your Zone:**

- With the beginning of Atlantic Hurricane Season on June 1<sup>st</sup>, NYC Emergency Management wants you to “Know Your Zone.”
- The “Know Your Zone” website includes information about the city's hurricane evacuation zones, the hazards New Yorkers may face from a hurricane, and what to do to prepare.
- There are six hurricane evacuation zones, ranked by the risk of storm surge impact, with zone 1 being the most likely to flood. In the event of a hurricane or tropical storm, residents in these zones may be ordered to evacuate.
- More information can also be found on our website: [NYC.gov/knowyourzone](https://nyc.gov/knowyourzone)

Sign up to Notify NYC to receive New York City's official information about emergency alerts and important city services, including information related to street closures and protest activity. <https://a858-nycnotify.nyc.gov/notifynyc>

# NYC MEANS BUSINESS

Reopen & Stay Safe at Work



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## What employers must do

### BEFORE YOU REOPEN

- Visit [forward.ny.gov](https://forward.ny.gov) and read all of the New York State guidelines for your industry.
- Fill out the affirmation form at [forms.ny.gov/s3/ny-forward-affirmation](https://forms.ny.gov/s3/ny-forward-affirmation)
- Develop a safety plan (template available at [forward.ny.gov](https://forward.ny.gov)) and post it at your worksite where workers can see it.

## What employers must do and workers should expect

### WHEN BUSINESS REOPENS

-  **Conduct an employee health screening every day.** Workers should stay home if sick or go home if they become sick at work.
-  **Give workers free face coverings and provide replacements.** Workers must stay at least 6 feet from others and wear a face covering or mask if they are less than 6 feet from others.
-  **Provide and maintain hand hygiene stations for personnel,** including handwashing with soap, water, and paper towels, as well as an alcohol-based hand sanitizer containing 60% or more alcohol for areas where handwashing is not feasible.
-  **Regularly clean shared equipment and frequently touched surfaces.**
-  **Post signs and put tape or other markers to show people where to stand.**

**Review ALL guidance specific to your industry on [forward.ny.gov](https://forward.ny.gov).**

The information in this document is not exhaustive – your business is subject to requirements that are not on this one-pager.

**These requirements are to protect everyone — employers, workers, customers — from COVID-19.**

For the latest updates, visit [nyc.gov/coronavirus](https://nyc.gov/coronavirus).

### EMPLOYERS

For more information, call **888-SBS4NYC (727-4692)** or visit [nyc.gov/business](https://nyc.gov/business).

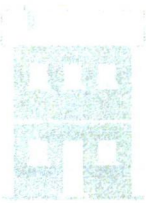
### WORKERS

For more information, call **311** and ask for the Worker Protection Hotline or visit [nyc.gov/workers](https://nyc.gov/workers).

## Keep Raccoons from Returning

After raccoons leave your property, take action to make sure they don't return.

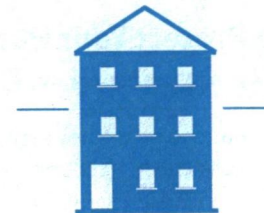
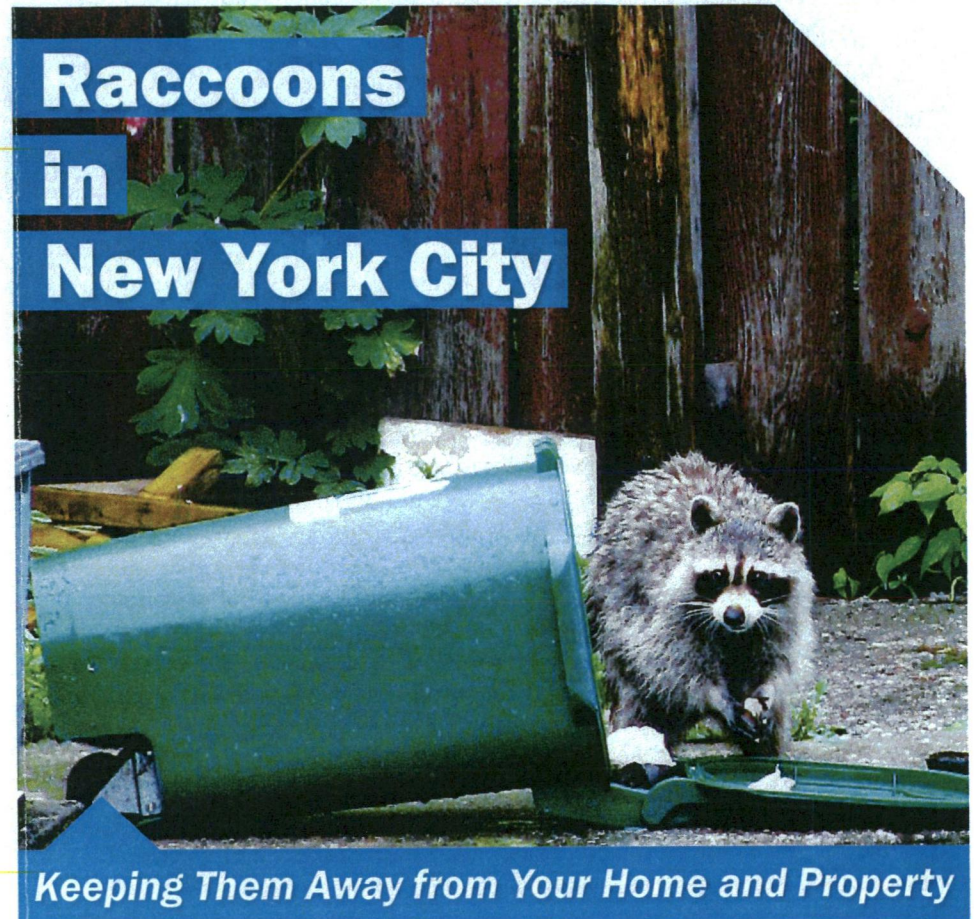
- **Make sure that all raccoons have left your property** and that no dens with raccoon pups remain.
- **Find out where raccoons entered your home** by checking for torn window screens, openings in the walls, roof or underside of eaves or overhangs and holes in sheds or garages.
- **Permanently seal all entrances.** Raccoons will return if shelter and food are available.
- **Periodically check your home and property** to make sure there are no new holes or openings.



For more information on raccoons, rabies and protecting your home from pests, call **311** or visit [nyc.gov/health/rabies](https://www.nyc.gov/health/rabies)

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Raccoons live in all five boroughs of New York City. They can easily adapt to live wherever food and shelter are available. Raccoons living on your property or in your house can cause problems:

- Raccoons can have **rabies** and may bite you or your pets.
- Raccoons can **damage** your home and property.



## Protect Yourself and Your Pets from Rabies

All mammals can get rabies, a deadly virus that attacks the brain and nervous system. Infected raccoons can give rabies to you and your pets through bites and scratches.

A rabid raccoon may

- Appear sick or injured
- Stumble or have trouble standing
- Convulse or shake uncontrollably
- Act unusually friendly or aggressive

If you are bitten or scratched by a raccoon, wash the wound with lots of soap and water. See your doctor as soon as possible or visit the emergency room. Call 311 to report a sick raccoon or if a raccoon scratches or bites you or your pet.

If you own dogs or cats, make sure that their rabies vaccinations are up to date, it's the law. All pets 4 months of age or older need a rabies shot and must be revaccinated every one to four years, depending on the vaccine used.



## Protect Your Home and Property from Damage

Raccoons are not picky eaters; they will even eat your trash. Raccoons will also live almost anywhere, including under rock piles, fireplace chimneys, hollow walls, attics, the underside of overhangs and beams or sewers. Over time, they can damage your property and become a nuisance.

## Prevent Raccoons from Entering Your Home

- Always feed pets indoors to avoid attracting raccoons and other pests.
- Keep your garbage and recycling areas clean, and make sure these containers are tightly sealed.
- Buy a raccoon-resistant trash container, or place a weight on the lid of your garbage bin.
- Seal all openings to your home, garage and outdoor sheds.
- Replace torn screens and fix broken windows.
- Trim tree branches that raccoons could use to climb onto your roof.
- Sprinkle cayenne pepper around your property as raccoons find it irritating. (Use cayenne pepper with caution; it can be very irritating to pets.)
- Fence in areas underneath decks.

## Drive Raccoons Out of Your Home

Raccoons look for safe, quiet areas to set up dens, especially female raccoons with litters. An uncomfortable environment may cause raccoons to leave your property.

- Never attempt to capture or trap a raccoon.
- Use bright or flashing lights or play loud music in your attic or other areas where raccoons live.
- You may need to hire a licensed professional Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator. Visit the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation at [dec.ny.gov](http://dec.ny.gov), and search wildlife control to find a wildlife trapper near you.



## Fire Department, City of New York FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION

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# THE DANGER OF FIREWORKS

## LEAVE FIREWORKS TO THE PROFESSIONALS

### AMATEUR USE OF FIREWORKS CAN LEAD TO DEVASTATING BURNS AND OTHER INJURIES, FIRES AND EVEN DEATH.

Each year in the United States approximately 10,000 people are medically treated for fireworks-related injuries. More often than not it is the bystanders that sustain the injuries.

*A 4-year-old girl was injured by a 6-inch fountain that shot colored fireballs. When the fountain tipped over, the girl was struck in the chest by a fireball. She sustained 2nd and 3rd degree burns to her chest and neck. She was hospitalized for three weeks for burn treatment and skin graft.*

### ALMOST HALF OF THE INJURIES OCCUR AMONG CHILDREN AGES 14 YEARS AND YOUNGER.

- ✓ Males sustain about 72% of the injuries.
- ✓ Parts of the body most frequently injured are hands and fingers (26%), eyes (21%), and head and face (18%).
- ✓ More than half of the injuries involve burns (63%).
- ✓ Injuries are most commonly associated with fire-crackers (24%), sparklers (21%) and rockets (18%).

*A 15-year-old boy was injured when he tied together the wires of 10 sparklers. The sparklers ignited quickly and burned down very fast, finally exploding in his hand. The boy sustained a five-inch long laceration to his hand and forearm, exposing muscle, and lodging of debris in his hand and arm. The boy required extensive plastic surgery.*

### MANY PEOPLE THINK OF SPARKLERS AS HARMLESS FIREWORKS THAT ARE SAFE FOR CHILDREN TO USE. THEY ARE NOT!

Sparklers can heat up to 1800 degrees (hot enough to melt gold) and can easily catch fire to clothing or hair.

*A 33-year-old man was killed while setting off mortar style fireworks out of a black plastic pipe while in his backyard. As he leaned over one of the tubes to light the fuse, the fireworks suddenly went off striking him in the face. He was transported to a hospital where he was pronounced dead from head injuries.*

### THINK BEFORE YOU LIGHT!

*Any person possessing, using or exploding ANY fireworks in New York City is guilty of a criminal misdemeanor. The criminal penalty is a fine of \$10,000 or imprisonment of six months or both. Such person is also liable for a civil penalty of \$750.00.*



**Concerned citizens can anonymously report the delivery, sale and/or storage of fireworks.**

**Call 311**  
(NYC Hotline)



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For more info: <https://www.census.gov/about/regions/new-york/jobs/new-york.html>

**Duty Location:** If selected you will work out of your home as your duty station and will be required to travel through your Field Supervisory Area (FSA) on a routine basis.

- Explaining purpose of survey; asking questions as worded.
- Using a laptop to record responses and other vital information. Interviewing respondents for data collection purposes.
- Canvassing and Interviewing respondents for data collection purposes.

### Requirements:

- U.S. citizenship; valid SSN; driver's license and insured vehicle(except Manhattan). Desire to work with the public, be self-motivated, and be able to follow detailed instructions.
- Mixed-tour schedule with periods of full-time, part-time, and/or intermittent work to accommodate fluctuating workloads.

### Compensation:

- \$19.33 per hour, plus mileage reimbursement at 57.5 cents per mile.

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# What's Happening Here?

Pedestrian Accessibility

Vehicle Access

Roosevelt Ave. and Woodside Ave.  
Pedestrian Safety and Accessibility

Traffic Calming

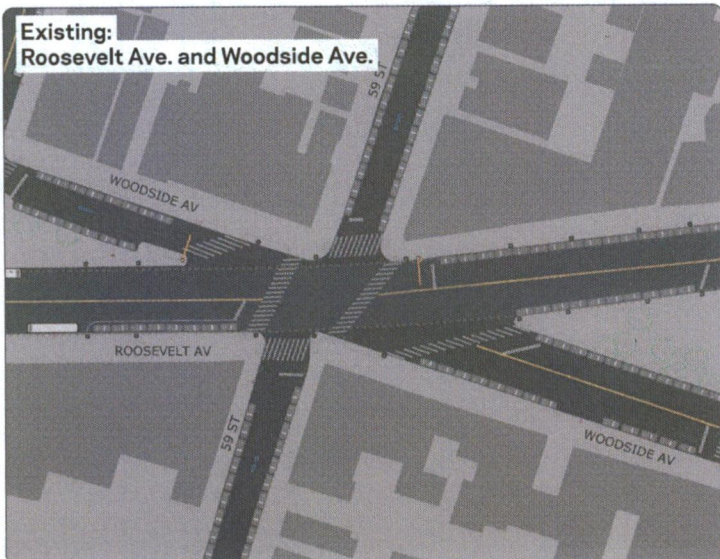
Safety Improvements

**NYC DOT will implement pedestrian safety and accessibility improvements at Roosevelt Ave. and Woodside Ave.:**

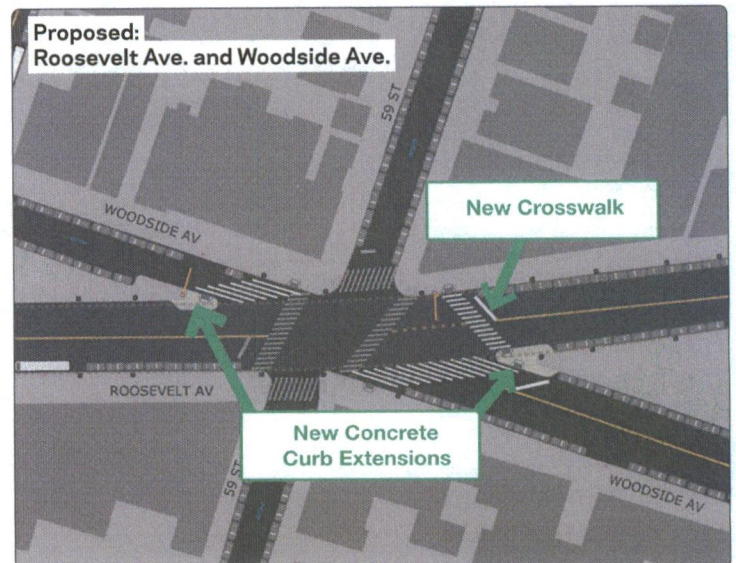
- Install concrete curb extensions with accessible ramps to Woodside Memorial Plaza and Sohncke Square
- Install new pedestrian crosswalk across Roosevelt Ave. at Woodside Memorial Plaza
- Modify signal timing to increase pedestrian crossing time
- Install Qwick Kurb to slow down turning vehicles

**Implementation starts in July 2020**

Existing:  
Roosevelt Ave. and Woodside Ave.



Proposed:  
Roosevelt Ave. and Woodside Ave.



For additional information about this project, contact the DOT Queens Borough Commissioner's Office at **212.839.2510** or visit our website: [nyc.gov/dot](http://nyc.gov/dot). To sign up for DOT updates visit [nyc.gov/dot/news](http://nyc.gov/dot/news)

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# SAFETY IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY.

As the City continues to rollout the State's Re-Opening Plan, all permitted job sites should adhere to the following **NYC Construction Restart: DOs & DON'Ts** to ensure the sites meet State and City requirements. It is the responsibility of all members of the construction industry to make compliance a top priority.

## DO...

Comply with all **Social Distancing** protocols to the extent possible.

Have a **COVID-19 Communication Plan, Safety Plan, Cleaning Log, Affirmation** to the State and **Contact Log** on-site at all times. Make sure your Safety Plan is specific to your site and posted where it can easily be seen! Ensure a **COVID-19 Site Safety Monitor** is designated for the job site.

Have all employees and site visitors wear an **acceptable face covering** appropriate for their task.

Have **hand hygiene stations** that are readily available. Stations could include soap, warm running water, and paper towels, or have alcohol-based hand sanitizer. **Restroom facilities** must post signage that limits 50% occupancy.

Post signage indicating required maximum 50% capacity for Elevator/Hoists. **Signage must be posted within the cab and at each landing.**

**Post COVID-19 signage** visibly throughout your site reminding personnel to adhere to proper hand hygiene, physical distancing rules, appropriate use of PPE, and cleaning and disinfecting protocol.

## DON'T...

Violate social distancing protocols. (Aim to maintain 6-feet of space).

DO NOT forget to have all of these reports on-site and available upon request. Make sure your posted Safety Plan includes your **Affirmation** to the State!

DO NOT forget to wear a mask or face covering **at all times**. Ensure you maintain social distancing!

DO NOT forget to **wash hands** with soap and water or hand sanitizer frequently throughout the day.

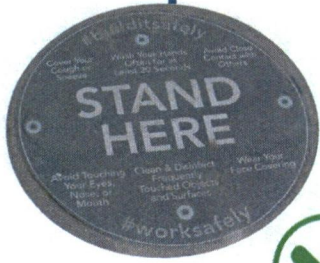
DO NOT forget to post capacity signage within **each cab and at each landing**.

DO NOT forget that signage needs to be posted **throughout** your entire site.

For additional reopening information, please visit [nyc.gov/buildings](https://nyc.gov/buildings). On our Restart webpage, you will find resources including **DOB's Re-Opening Guidance, FAQs**, and the **State's Interim Guidelines**. If you have any questions, please reach out via email to [COVID19@buildings.nyc.gov](mailto:COVID19@buildings.nyc.gov).

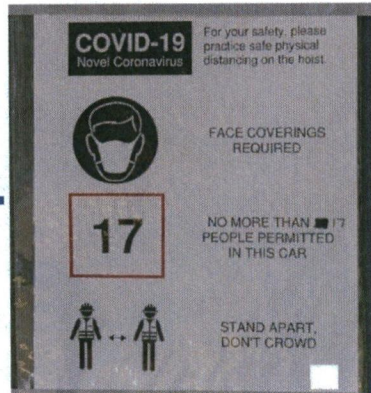


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Ensure **COVID-19** signage is posted visibly throughout your site. Signage can be posted on walls or on the ground to mark social distancing requirements. Spray paint or tape may also be used.

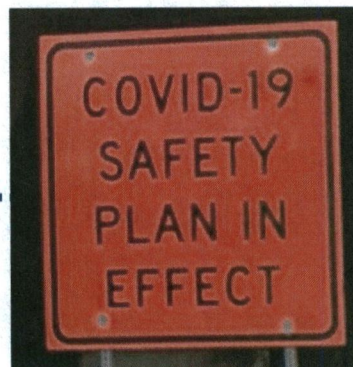
Posted signage indicating required maximum **50% capacity for Elevator/Hoists** must be posted within the cab and at each landing where you enter/exit the car.



All Employees and Visitors onsite must wear **acceptable face coverings** and comply with all social distancing



Hand hygiene stations or alcohol-based hand sanitizer must be readily available.



You must have a **COVID-19 Communication Plan, Safety Plan, Cleaning Log, Contact Log, and Affirmation** to the State onsite and available upon request at all times. Use the hyperlinks for additional information.

