



**New York State (NYS) Department of Health Interim Guidance  
for Construction Activities during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency**

\*\*\*To be implemented on SCA construction project sites only when restart has been approved\*\*\*

On May 13, 2020, the New York State Department of Health issued [Interim Guidance for Construction Activities during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency](#). As detailed, the Guidance “was created to provide owners/operators of construction projects and their employees and contractors with precautions to help protect against the spread of COVID-19 as construction sites reopen”. **The New York City School Construction Authority (SCA) requires contractors and sub-contractors managing and operating on SCA construction project sites to adhere to this guidance when they have been notified that their project(s) restart has been approved.**

The Guidance replaces the *Minimum Mandatory Additional Safety Requirements for SCA Projects* issued on April 26, 2020 and serves as the set of minimum requirements contractors and sub-contractors must implement. Contractors and sub-contractors may implement additional safety measures or more stringent restrictions. Per the NYS Department of Health, the Guidance is based on the best-known public health practices at the time of Phase I of the State’s reopening, and the documentation upon which these guidelines are based can and does change frequently. **Upon receiving notification from the SCA that restart of a project is imminent, Contractors and sub-contractors shall be required to complete and submit the New York State Department of Health [NY Forward Safety Plan Template](#) to SCA Construction Management (as an addition to their Site Safety Plan updates and submission).** All Safety Plans, including the Template, are reviewed by SCA Construction Management and the Safety Unit and restart will not commence without their approval and authorization.

All contractors and sub-contractors on SCA construction project sites remain required to comply with OSHA, NYS, NYC and SCA requirements relative to construction project activities. The SCA may update or add to this guidance, but all contractors and sub-contractors also remain responsible for staying current with updates to these requirements, and integrating additional necessary measures into construction project activities and Safety Plans. Below you will find links to the Interim Guidance described above, a short, checklist version of the guidance ([Reopening New York – Construction Guidelines for Employers and Employees](#)) and the template to be completed and submitted with updated Site Safety Plans.

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[NY Forward Safety Plan Template](#)