



**Instructions for Contractors
Return to Work Process for NYPA/Canal Projects**

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The New York Power Authority (NYPA) and New York State Canals Corporation is providing an update on our COVID-19 guidance to all Contractors, including Suppliers, Vendors, Consultants, Independent Contractors, and Contingent Workers. This guidance applies to Contractors performing work on behalf of NYPA/Canals at maintenance facilities, structures, offices, right of way, leased space, or other locations statewide (such as energy services projects).

For any work performed on a Construction Project worksite, it is mandatory to comply with the applicable Health and Safety Procedure (HASP) and COVID-19 Health and Safety requirements.

- a. Please note: Contractors are free to provide their employees with as much additional COVID-19 Health and Safety information as they deem appropriate.

Understanding that the situation is rapidly changing, NYPA will continue to provide updates based on any changes to law, rules and regulations, Executive Orders, or the impact of COVID-19 on the State of New York.

The following changes are effective immediately upon receipt of this notification:

- a. First and foremost: Do not come to work if you are feeling ill.
- b. Wash your hands frequently and cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing. Masks are available and recommended indoors for those who are at high risk and those in high transmission areas.
- c. Understand symptoms of COVID-19:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>.
- d. Follow CDC guidelines if having COVID-19 related symptoms or if you test positive:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/isolation.html>.
- e. Follow CDC guidelines if exposed to someone with COVID-19:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/if-you-were-exposed.html>.
- f. Understand the COVID-19 Community level where you are working and follow specific guidelines accordingly including masking and testing guidance:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>.
- g. NYPA recommends that all Contractors discuss COVID-19 vaccinations with their primary care provider <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>.
- h. Monitor the NYS Department of Health (DOH) website for COVID-19 updates. Keep in mind that often, the DOH site refers to the CDC site.
 1. [COVID-19 | Department of Health \(ny.gov\)](#)
 2. [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) | CDC](#)

Any questions can be sent to VendorNotices@nypa.gov.