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BULLETIN

To: Membership of Allied Building Metal Industries, Inc.

From: Steven N. Davi

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Re: COVID-19 Update: NYC Department of Buildings
Stepped-Up Enforcement Commencing July 8, 2020

As we have previously advised, during the first thirty days of Phase One construction, through and including July 7, the New York City Department of Buildings has focused on education to help the industry learn how to implement the new COVID-19 health and safety standards and procedures. Accordingly, initial Department violations issued during these first thirty days since June 8 carried no financial penalty.

As we near the conclusion of the fourth week since the start of Phase One construction in New York City, please be reminded that beginning July 8, failure to adhere to Phase One [Reopening Guidance](#) and related COVID-19 health and safety protocols will result in the issuance of violations carrying a minimum \$5,000 penalty per occurrence and may also result in the issuance of a Stop Work Order depending on the nature and severity of non-compliance.

Since June 8 the Department has been inspecting all permitted sites for compliance with the Reopening Guidance. For each site that received a warning for non-compliance, the Department emailed (or claims to have emailed) the associated permit holder, applicant of record, and owner on or about June 20, citing the permit number and including a checklist capturing the extent of non-compliance on their site. The Department is now reminding all such non-complaint parties to use the information contained in said email correspondence to make necessary and recommended corrections. Additionally, on or about June 13, the Department emailed all permit holders, applicants of records, and owners reminding them of the need to comply with the Reopening Guidance.

Starting July 8, the Department will direct a particular focus on the importance of having a Safety Plan with affirmation and associated logs on site and available for inspection that account for all the workers and work on the site. According to recent guidance from DOB, this can be accomplished by each employer having their own Safety Plan, affirmation, and logs available for inspection or, alternatively, the general contractor can choose to have a Safety Plan, affirmation, and logs that account for their subcontractors. The Department is also stressing the importance of limiting confined spaces to fifty (50%) of capacity and, where hoists and elevators in particular are concerned, the Department has advised the capacity must be posted in the cab and at each landing. The attached Department [DOs and DONTs](#) chart provides a helpful summary of what the Department will expect to see on work sites as of July 8.

As you know, and as we have previously advised, a wealth of information is available on the Department's [Phase One Reopening Homepage](#), including the DOB and New York State Phase One Guidance, an FAQ document, and an informational flyer.

Additionally, the New York City Health Department has made available a [Template Cleaning Log](#), as well as an [FAQ](#), which includes, among other guidance, a [Sample COVID-19 Symptom Screening Tool](#) and [COVID-19 Screening Log Template](#).

Finally, you are encouraged to refer back to our advisory email and Bulletin dated June 8, with related attachments, containing all manner of detailed COVID-19 health and safety guidance regarding the reopening of Phase One construction.

Please contact the Allied office directly if you have questions regarding, or wish to discuss, any of the above.