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**“We believe in the ideas of family, mutuality,
the sharing of benefits and burdens
for the good of all, feeling one another’s pain,
sharing one another’s blessing
recognizing that at the heart of the matter
we are bound to each other.”**

-Mario M. Cuomo-

NASSAU COUNTY TO RESUME ELECTIVE SURGERIES AND NEW YORK TO START A TWO-WEEK HOSPITAL VISITATION PILOT PROGRAM

On May 19, 2020 Governor Andrew Cuomo announced that elective surgeries can be resumed in Nassau County. Nassau joins 50 other counties around the state that are now eligible to perform elective surgery. Nassau hospitals will also return to the ambulatory care of patients other than COVID-19 patients.

According to Governor Cuomo, “Long Island is making great progress,” suggesting that the county is moving closer to reopening.

Governor also announced that New York is launching a two-week pilot program to allow visitors in 16 hospitals across the state and allow increased visitations for family members and loved ones. Under the terms of the pilot project, visitors must wear personal protection equipment and be subject to symptom and temperature checks. Visits will also be time limited.

On the legislative front, it has been reported that the New York State Senate may convene next Tuesday and Wednesday to consider a COVID-19 relief package.

CAPITAL REGION BEGINS PHASE ONE OF NEW YORK STATE REOPENING PLAN

On May 20, 2020 the Capital region of New York entered Phase 1 of the State’s reopening process. The Capital region identified the sufficient number of tracers to meet the required metrics and will join Western New York, the North Country, the Finger Lakes, Southern Tier, Central New York, and Mohawk Valley in reopening

Phase One industries. Phase One includes reopening the following sectors of the economy:

- Construction
- Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting
- Retail – (Curbside/in-store retail pickup)
- Manufacturing
- Wholesale Trade

The Mid-Hudson, New York City, and Long Island regions are still working toward the necessary reopening benchmarks.

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