



Dear Valued Client,

On March 20, New York Governor Cuomo signed the “New York on PAUSE” executive order requiring all New York non-essential businesses to reduce their in-house workforce to zero. The order went into effect Sunday March 22, at 8 PM, leaving many businesses dark and shuttered as of Monday morning.

The executive order provides a detailed list of what qualifies as an “essential business” and is therefore exempt from the on-worksites restriction. Included in the list are selected categories within the umbrellas of health care, utilities, food processing, retail, news media, payroll and accounting services, as well as others. In addition, any business that only has a single occupant/employee (i.e. gas station) is exempt.

Businesses not listed that believe they are “essential” can submit a request to New York State to receive a designation.

The executive order is currently in effect until April 19, 2020.

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In it with you,

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