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Governor Cuomo Announces Malls In New York City Allowed to Reopen with Half Capacity Next Week

Face Coverings, Social Distancing and Other Safety Protocols Required at All Times; No Indoor Food Courts Permitted

Must Have Enhanced Air Filtration, Ventilation & Purification Standards In Place Prior To Opening

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced malls in New York City will be allowed to reopen starting September 9 with a 50 percent occupancy limit. All malls that choose to reopen will be subject to strict safety protocols, including strict enforcement of face coverings, social distancing, additional staff to control occupancy, traffic flow and seating to avoid crowding and enhanced cleaning and disinfection protocols. Malls must also have enhanced air filtration, ventilation and purification standards in place in order to open.

"While this pandemic is far from over, our numbers have remained steadily low, so we know our phased, data-driven approach to reopening is the right one," **Governor Cuomo said.** "Thanks to the hard work of New Yorkers, we are at a point in our fight against this virus where we can safely reopen malls in New York City as long as they adhere to strict health and

safety protocols. Masks, enhanced air ventilation systems, and social distancing will be mandatory. This is good news and the right step forward."

No indoor dining, loitering or unnecessary congregation will be permitted in malls.

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