Columbia’s long-term plan for the old Manhattanville manufacturing area will revitalize the four former industrial blocks from 125th/129th to 133rd Street between Broadway and 12th Avenue, and three small blocks along the east side of Broadway from 131st to 134th Street, into an environmentally sustainable and publicly accessible center for academic and civic life woven into the fabric of the West Harlem community.

Construction Activities for the Weeks of:  
April 20, 2020 and April 27, 2020

What is Happening

Construction resuming at Columbia Business School site with stringent health and safety measures in place

In accordance with New York State guidance on the updated Executive Order 202.6 - which deems construction supporting public and private schools essential - construction has resumed at Columbia’s Manhattanville campus for the Business School and associated below-grade space. Accordingly, the project is included within the New York City Department of Buildings map of Essential Active Construction Sites.

Construction is resuming with a reduced workforce and stringent health and safety measures in place and enforced by the construction manager, Turner Construction, to prioritize the health and safety of construction workers and reduce the spread of COVID-19.

Among the enhanced health and safety measures that Turner has implemented include:

- Temperature scanning and completion of a self-assessment questionnaire completed by all tradespersons and staff when entering the jobsite, conducted by a trained professional with social distancing measures in place. Individuals with a high temperature reading will not be allowed to enter the site and will follow a strict protocol as to when they can return.

- A schedule of staggered start and end times for subcontractor shifts to reduce crowding when waiting to enter and leave the site, as well as staggering break times and lunch times for increased social distancing.

- Methods to facilitate maintaining six-foot distancing between workers, including defined directions on where to queue the line when entering the site; limit to the number of individuals on the hoist at any one time to maintain a minimum of six feet between individuals; and designated up and down staircases.

- Turner has developed a COVID-19 Personal Protective Equipment standard, providing means and methods designed to be consistent with current CDC Guidance. This COVID-19 PPE standard includes the requirement that all tradespersons, staff, and site visitors wear a mask or face covering in addition to standard personal protective equipment, among other procedures and requirements.

The health and safety of staff and tradespeople and implementing measures that will continue to reduce the spread of infection were essential for Columbia and Turner before allowing any construction activities to resume.

For any questions or concerns about this work, email projx@columbia.edu.
What to Expect

Construction Activity

- Regular weekday work hours: 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday work hours: 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Material deliveries to site is ongoing

Temporary Traffic and Transportation Impacts

- Refer to street signage for the west side of Broadway from 129th to 130th Streets — parking is allowed after 6:00 p.m. and on weekends
- W. 131st Street between Broadway and 12th Avenue is open for one-way westbound traffic
- W. 130th Street between Broadway and 12th Avenue has reopened for traffic

-Please note that all activities are subject to change based on weather and other field conditions-

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