

## **10.2.20 Notes from the Governor's Briefing:**

### President's COVID Diagnosis:

- Gov. said he wishes President and First Lady the best
- President reported mild symptoms
- WH briefing call for Governors today at 12:15 on healthcare related issues, President is supposed to be on the call
- Gov. said he also a call with National Governors Association today

### COVID:

- Day 216
- 7 fatalities
- 648 hospitalizations
- 146 ICU patients
- 65 intubations
- Hot spot zip codes are at 6.4% infection rate overall
- Outside hotspots, infection rate is 1.03% statewide
- Seeing increase in infections in Orange, Brooklyn, some spread into Queens
- DOH sending Section 16 letter to local governments, advising them of compliance laws, potential fines for poor enforcement of compliance

### Schools:

- 1,258 positive cases on state's school dashboard
- State receiving questions on sparse reporting from NYC schools
- Gov. stated no specific testing being done in NYC, testing would begin on Oct. 1, and be conducted over a month

### Infection Rate by Region:

- Western NY 1.2%
- Southern Tier 1.1%
- North Country 0.2%
- Mohawk Valley 0.4%
- Mid Hudson 2.6%
- Long Island 1.3%
- Finger Lakes 1%
- Central NY 0.7%
- Capital Region 0.9%
- NYC 1.4%

### Q&A:

- On specific parameters of fines to local governments:
  - Garvey said section 16 of public health law allows DOH Commissioner to determine if any entity is willfully in violation of public health rules
  - Fines can be up to \$10,000 according to Section B
  - DOH would need to have compliance activity info from local governments, and actions taken
  - If deficient, statement of charges would be provided, and charges can be per day
  - Gov. added this was done with Ebola previously, reiterated public education campaigns are not enough
- On implications of President's positive diagnosis:
  - Gov. stated this is further evidence to take virus seriously
  - Gov. discussed spectrum of COVID symptoms, said if President is on 12:15 call, this would suggest a mild case
  - Gov. called it "frightening" for the first family, said he wishes them the best on a personal level