COVID-19 General:

- Day 220
- 9 fatalities
- 705 hospitalizations
- 158 ICU patients
- 72 intubations
- Hot spot zip codes are at a 5.5% infection rate
- 1.2% statewide infection rate
- Gov emphasizes the importance of local governments enforcing the law
  - Local governments must provide personnel to the state's task force on enforcement

Clusters:

- Gov: "we have a COVID 'cluster' problem"
- Current hotspots:
  - Colleges upstate
  - Binghamton
  - Orange
  - Rockland
  - Queens
  - Nassau
- Gov is launching the Cluster Action Initiative
  - Take action within cluster, then outerlying communities
  - There is mapping software to identify the location of a cluster
- Gov states that activities like worship, school, and dining will be limited within 1-2 miles of a cluster
- Gov is increasing fines for sponsors of mass gatherings to $15,000
- The state will consult with local governments and maps will go into effect as soon as tomorrow

Q&A:

- Why did we not take precautions with clusters sooner?
- Gov: local governments have not been enforcing laws and the state does not have enough personnel
  - DeRosa: this plan is a last resort, and would have been irresponsible to implement at day one
- Why give localities until Friday to enact this plan?
- Gov says notifying businesses of new rules might take a day or two
- Why aren't the Gov and Mayor de Blasio working more cooperatively?
- Gov claims that enforcement would have prevented recent issues, and putting out more rules will not help
- On houses of worship: Gov believes his regulations are constitutional
- On NYPD: Gov states officers must wear masks because it is the law
  - Why hasn't the Gov been meeting with police officers more?
    - Gov: these rules are primarily enforced by the DOH
  - Gov adds that officers shouldn't always be the first choice to respond to issues of mental health and substance abuse