

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

### COVID:

- Day 221
- 108,000 tests conducted yesterday
- 5.1% infection rate in hotspots
- Statewide infection rate at 1.05%
- Statewide rate with hotspots 1.25%
- 8 fatalities
- 748 hospitalizations, up 43 from day before
- Gov. stated increase in hospitalizations are in clusters
- 176 ICU patients
- 72 intubations

### Infection Rate by Region:

- Capital Region: 0.9%
  - Central NY - 0.9%
  - Finger Lakes - 0.5%
  - Long Island - 1.2%
  - Mid Hudson - 2%
  - Mohawk Valley 0.4%
  - North Country 0.1%
  - NYC 1.5%
  - Southern Tier 1.4%
  - Western NY - 0.9% "good for western NY"
  - Orange County - 3.9%
  - Rockland County - 4.5%
  - Broome - 6.1%
  - Brooklyn - 2.2%
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- Gov. reiterated COVID data on schools available on dashboard
  - Focus is on hotspots - infection rate is five times statewide rate
  - Gov. said state will continue to enforce cluster initiative announced yesterday
  - Gov. noted some communities are unhappy, but non-compliance caused current restrictions
  - Gov. questioned President's comments on refusing to discuss stimulus until after election
  - Gov. said President's comments are unreasonable, disrespectful

### Q&A:

- On what budget cuts can be expected if no state and local aid is provided:
  - Gov. stated deficit is so large, \$50 billion over two years for state and local governments combined
  - State would have to reduce expenses, borrow, increase taxes, which Gov. called "tremendous economic damage" to the state
  - Gov. stressed the liability is the federal government's, not the state's
  - Gov. stated he is hopeful the election produces changes and aid will be provided
  - Gov. said he will wait to see election results before taking any action
  
- On whether the state can afford to wait until election results are in:
  - Gov. stated all potential actions will inevitably result in "irreversible damage" to the economy
  - Gov. reiterated he will wait until all facts are known to make a decision
  
- On protests in Brooklyn last night and how compliance will be enforced:
  - Gov. noted protests are occurring all over the state almost daily
  - Gov. stated case data by address are being used to determine clusters and restrictions, restrictions are not targeted at any one community
  - Gov. emphasized the importance of putting public health first

- On whether state will work with NYC to enforce compliance:
- Gov. said current clusters are a result of lack of enforcement, local governments need to improve
  
- On whether Gov. has a comment on passing of Joe Bruno:
- Gov. wished Bruno family peace
- Gov. said despite political differences, Bruno was "honorable, respectful, sincere public servant" and a "great representative for his district"