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COVID:

- Day 326
- One year anniversary of first Covid-19 case being found in the US
- Statewide Positivity rate 6.84%
- 195,409 tests conducted
- 185 deaths
- 9,273 Hospitalizations up 37
- 1,721 ICU patients, up 7
- 1,044 Intubations, down 5

Hospitalizations by Region:

- Finger Lakes: 741 (0.06%)
- Western NY: 487 (0.04%)
- Southern Tier: 243 (0.04%)
- Mid-Hudson: 1,107 (0.05%)
- Central New York: 320 (0.04%)
- Mohawk Valley: 297 (0.06%)
- Capital Region: 553 (0.05%)
- NYC: 3,745 (0.04%)
- Long Island: 1,671 (0.06%)
- North Country: 109 (0.03%)

Positivity by Region:

- Finger Lakes: 6.47%
- Western NY: 6.45%
- Southern Tier: 3.57%
- Mid-Hudson: 7.00%
- Central New York: 5.77%
- Mohawk Valley: 7.70%
- Capital Region: 7.08%
- NYC: 3,745 5.70%
- Long Island: 7.47%
- North Country: 7.13%

- Manhattan: 3.36%
- Bronx: 6.90%
- Queens: 6.48%
- Staten Island: 6.11%
- Brooklyn 5.80%

Vaccine:

- Gov. explained that there is a foot race between how many people we can get vaccinated and how fast the virus is spreading
- Infection rate is on the decline as long as the new strain doesn't take over
- Statewide percentage of hospital workers vaccinated is 65%
- Currently the state has 145,789 first doses on hand and is averaging 65,000 doses per day. At this rate supply will be exhausted in 2-3 days.
- Gov. explained that this is going to be a week by week process
- There are 1,200 vaccine distributors around the state with others prepared to come online
- There are more distributors than products so distributors will run out and the Gov. recommended that distributors do not schedule more appointments than they have doses for.

Vaccinations administration by Region:

- North County: 96%
- Finger Lakes: 88%
- Western New York: 89%
- Southern Tier: 99%
- Central New York: 87%
- Mid-Hudson: 80%
- NYC: 82%
- Long Island: 90%
- Capital Region 78%
- Mohawk Valley 74%

Pace of first-dose administration at healthcare distribution sites is accelerating:

- Week 1 34,630
- Week 2 54,491
- Week 3 120,537
- Week 4 235,462
- Week 5 329,849

Vaccine Fairness:

- There are currently three groups eligible for vaccines. Group 1A includes healthcare workers, 1B includes essential workers and the third group includes the population 65+
- Healthcare workers are 21% of the eligible population to be vaccinated, essential workers are 27% and population 65+ is 52%.
- Because of this breakdown, vaccines are to be distributed following this ratio.
- Gov. said the state is distributing the vaccine by region and that each type of provider in the state has a priority with pharmacies used for 65+, hospitals for healthcare workers, and City/county departments of health for essential workers.
- Gov warned that at the current rate with weekly supply the current eligible population is going to take at least 7 months to vaccinate and that because of this doses must be allocated fairly.
- Gov. said social equity in distribution is a main priority.
- Gov. urged President Biden to increase vaccine supply to states immediately

New mutations remain a concern:

- 4 new UK Strain cases were identified in NYS
- No cases of the South African or Brazilian Strains in NYS at this time
- Gov. warned that more mutations may be more deadly or even vaccine resistant, adding that it is vital that all international travelers be tested.

Moving forward for NYS:

- Gov. plans to battle covid, deal with the economics in the budget, reopen safely and smartly, and build more public infrastructure in NY.

Federal:

- Gov. congratulates President Joe Biden on his inauguration
- Looking forward to President Biden's "American Rescue Plan" which includes \$350 Billion for state and local financing
- Protest did not materialize the way it was expected to today

Q&A

On why there is no demographic data of who is vaccinated being presented yet:

- Gov said that the state does not control all information being collected and that once information is confirmed it will be released.

On whether or not counties without state-run clinics are being inadvertently shorted doses of the vaccine:

- Gov. said the federal government gives the state a vaccine allocation and the state allocates vaccines regionally.
- The state is also tracking the home addresses of vaccinated people and is hoping to add more distribution sites in rural areas when there is an increase in supply.

On if state sites are making more vaccine appointments than they have supply for:

- State run facilities are not canceling any appointments as they established appointments at a very conservative level. There was one case at Stonybrook where an appointment registration link was shared prematurely but this situation is under investigation.

On whether there are any regulations stopping people from traveling to vaccination sites outside of their region

- Gov said there are no state regulations on this.
- State-run sites are open to any NYS resident but NYC sites are only available for city residents.

On the Governor's thoughts on the Amendment being debated in the Assembly at the time of the briefing:

- Gov. said he had not seen anything about this yet.