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COVID:

- Day 328
- Statewide Positivity rate 5.65%
- 268,001 tests conducted
- 165 deaths
- 8,846 Hospitalizations, down 209
- 1,546 ICU patients, down 14
- 992 Intubations, down 19

Hospitalizations by Region:

- Finger Lakes: 714 (0.06%)
- Western NY: 430 (0.03%)
- Southern Tier: 240 (0.04%)
- Mid-Hudson: 1,071 (0.05%)
- Central New York: 275 (0.04%)
- Mohawk Valley: 259 (0.05%)
- Capital Region: 536 (0.05%)
- NYC: 3,600 (0.04%)
- Long Island: 1,613 (0.06%)
- North Country: 108 (0.03%)

Positivity by Region:

- Finger Lakes: 6.07%
- Western NY: 6.02%
- Southern Tier: 3.52%
- Mid-Hudson: 6.91%
- Central New York: 5.56%
- Mohawk Valley: 7.13%
- Capital Region: 6.91%
- NYC: 5.71%
- Long Island: 7.31%
- North Country: 7.04%

- Manhattan: 3.81%
- Bronx: 7.44%
- Queens: 6.42%
- Staten Island: 6.32%
- Brooklyn

Statewide COVID Hospitalization rate of increase:

- 12/7-12/1 Average Daily Increase +152/day
- 12/14-12/8 Average Daily Increase +164/day
- 12/21-12/15 Average Daily Increase +97/day
- 12/28-12/22 Average Daily Increase +165/day
- 1/4-12/29 Average Daily Increase +111/day
- 1/11-1/5 Average Daily Increase +48/day
- 1/17-1/12 Average Daily Increase +32/day Past 7 days Average Daily Increase +5/day

New Strains:

- Gov. said UK, Brazil and South Africa strains are frightening
- 3 new UK strain cases in NYS: 2 new cases in Westchester 1 new case in Brooklyn
- Statewide total: 25 UK strain cases

Vaccine:

- 97% of allocated first doses administered
- 67% of Hospital Workers have been vaccinated
- 70% of Nursing Home residents have been vaccinated so far
- Overall 1,329,237 doses have been administered including 1,159,869 first doses and 169,368 second doses
- 28,246 first doses remain on-hand from Weeks 1-5 delivery
- NYS is averaging 80,000 doses a day
- Week 6 allocation of doses is 250,400

First dosage administration by region:

- Finger Lakes: 94%
- Western NY: 96%
- Southern Tier: 100%
- Mid-Hudson: 84%
- Central New York: 98%
- Mohawk Valley: 77%
- Capital Region: 82%
- NYC: 90%
- Long Island: 97%
- North Country: 99%

Percent of Hospital Workers Vaccinated by region:

- Finger Lakes: 72%
- Western NY: 62%
- Southern Tier: 69%
- Mid-Hudson: 66%
- Central New York: 82%
- Mohawk Valley: 70%
- Capital Region: 70%
- NYC: 67%
- Long Island: 61%
- North Country: 78%

Distribution of Doses:

- Finger Lakes: 7%
- Western NY: 8%
- Southern Tier: 3%
- Mid-Hudson: 10%
- Central New York: 5%
- Mohawk Valley: 3%
- Capital Region: 6%
- NYC: 43%
- Long Island: 13%
- North Country: 2%

- Gov. said we run out of doses from weeks 1-5 today, NYS is now dependent on week-to-week allocations
- Week 6 allocations are arriving to providers and Gov. reminded providers to only schedule appointments that they have allocation for
- Gov. urged no more appointment cancellations
- NYS currently administering 80,000 doses a day
- Gov. Said 250,000 doses a week is not enough, as we have a larger distribution network that ready and able to be doing 100,000+ doses a day

Fair distribution:

- Doses are being evenly distributed to eligible subgroups, so Healthcare Workers are receiving 21% of available doses in each region, Essential workers receive 27% and 65+ population receives 52%.
- Gov. said Providers for each subgroup must follow prioritization
- City/County Departments of Health provide doses for essential workers
- Hospitals/FQHCs provide doses for Healthcare Workers
- Pharmacies and Mass Sites provide doses for 65+ population
- Gov. said that if providers don't follow their "prioritization" they are disadvantaging other groups.
- Gov. said the federal government caused confusion in distribution because NYS still has not received enough supply to even cover the Nursing Home and 1a categories.
- Gov. explained that President Biden wants to provide 100 million doses over 100 days meaning NYS would receive about 420,000 doses per week
- 420,000 doses per week would mean the current eligible population could be vaccinated in 17 weeks -The Gov. is hopeful that the Biden Administration can increase production using the Defense Production Act

Vaccine Equity:

- The Covid-19 social equity task force is focusing on accessibility and acceptance of the vaccine and is working to distribute vaccines in public housing projects
- Gov. stressed that the state has to overcome vaccine skepticism, especially in black and brown communities, by working alongside clergy members and healthcare workers.
- Gov. also added that NYS doctors worked to approve of the vaccine's safety to address distrust concerns in the federal government's vaccine approval process.

Federal:

- Gov. welcomed "common sense and competence" to the federal government and thanked President Biden for including state and local aid of \$350 billion in the American Recovery Act
- Gov. added that the next obstacle on the federal side is the allocation of the \$350 billion and what the distribution formula will be
- Gov. said that New York is hoping to see at least \$15 billion of the aid and the repeal of SALT
- Gov. supported the actions of the new COVID task force led by Jeff Zients in their potential use of the Defense Production act, and their support of masks wearing and stricter international travel procedures. wear a mask, international travel procedures

To Pass in the Budget:

- Gov. highlighted some elements included in the Consumer Utility Protections bill: An end to the statutory cap limiting penalties, ensuring that penalties will now equal actual damages, requiring no utility shut offs during emergencies, and requiring internet providers to have \$15 affordable broadband for low-income households
- Gov. added that public safety is a top priority and the relationship between police and their communities needs to be fixed.
- By April 1 every locality must pass a public safety plan by their legislature pursuant to a community collaborative otherwise they will be not eligible for state funding

Looking forward:

- Gov. said that NY is operating on multiple levels to both win the COVID war and to initiate a comprehensive infrastructure plan to rebuild and recover from the COVID war.

Q&A:

On why the Governor opened up vaccine eligibility to the 65+ population when there were not enough vaccine doses for them:

- Gov. said it would have added even more chaos to the mix if NYS did not allow the 65+ population to be eligible when the federal government said they were.

On why there is no demographic break-down of Vaccine Distribution at state-run sites:

- The state is compiling and analyzing data on demographics and once the information is ready and accurate it will be released.

On a time-line for vaccine distribution in state prisons:

- There is a small population of inmates already eligible for the vaccine and the state is working to ensure that they receive their vaccines.

On how the federal government can increase supply of vaccine doses:

- Gov. said that the federal government is already working to get more doses to states but that they can increase Pfizer and Moderna production, speed up approval of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, and use the Defense Production Act.

On the Governor's thoughts on President Biden not issuing a national mask mandate:

- Gov. said the President is already doing much more in terms of requiring masks than the previous administration.
- Gov. added that he supports the NYS mask mandate in all public places but what President Biden has done is a step in the right direction.

On whether the President should be setting a good example of wearing masks:

- Gov. yes the President should be setting an example and has already been doing so.

On how NYS is surveilling testing for the UK strain and whether the state is taking vaccine doses from hospitals and other providers to move to state-run testing sites:

- NYS is conducting 1,000 genome tests a week and is mapping the entire genome to look for any varying strains.
- No, doses are not being moved to state-run testing sites but the state is working with hospitals that can not distribute their entire allocation to move doses to providers that can distribute the doses.