

## 1.27.21

### COVID-19 Data:

- Day 333
- Statewide positivity rate: 5.44%
- 202,661 tests conducted
- 170 deaths
- 8,771 hospitalizations (-60)
- 1,588 ICU patients (+14)
- 1,027 intubations (+21)

### Hospitalizations by Region:

Finger Lakes: 662 (0.05%)  
Western NY: 426 (0.03%)  
Southern Tier: 240 (0.04%)  
Mid-Hudson: 1,056 (0.05%)  
Central New York: 250 (0.03%)  
Mohawk Valley: 240 (0.05%)  
Capital Region: 474 (0.04%)  
NYC: 3,771 (0.04%)  
Long Island: 1,553 (0.05%)  
North Country: 99 (0.02%)

### Positivity by Region:

Finger Lakes: 4.85%  
Western NY: 5.54%  
Southern Tier: 2.72%  
Mid-Hudson: 6.70%  
Central New York: 4.31%  
Mohawk Valley: 6.02%  
Capital Region: 6.16%  
NYC: 5.39%  
Long Island: 6.83%  
North Country: 6.45%  
Manhattan: 3.36%  
Bronx: 6.98%  
Queens: 5.73%  
Staten Island: 5.64%  
Brooklyn: 5.54%

### COVID-19 General:

- Positivity rate over the holidays went from 2.93% to 12.46%
- Gov says holiday surge is over
  - Hospitalizations, positivity rates on the decline statewide
- New strains pose risk for another surge
  - "We don't know what lies ahead"
- On NYC restaurants, the state will be talking to officials this week, will announce plan by the end of the week
- Red line capacity for hospitals is 15% availability or less

### Federal:

- President Biden: NY to receive 16% more vaccine allocation for the next 3 weeks
- President Biden announced to NGA more FEMA, providing funding to states to perform vaccines (\$450 million advance for NY)
- Funding assistance for National Guard
- More federal vaccine purchasing to meet supply shortage (est.)

200 million more doses, which will arrive in 6-9 months)

Vaccines:

- 96% of dosages received have been administered over the last 6 weeks
- Gov calls on local governments to vaccinate more hospital staff
- Federal LTCF Program: 72% of residents in nursing homes have been vaccinated to date
  - 44% of nursing home staff have been vaccinated overall
  - All staff will have been offered vaccination by February 7th
- Gov calls for local governments to maintain social equity in vaccine distribution
- State will partner with local governments to open vaccination sites
  - For example, Gov is partnering w/NYC to open a site at Yankee Stadium

Q&A:

- On indoor dining, is the Gov leaning towards 25% capacity or 50%?
  - Gov reiterates there is no definite plan yet, will have a plan by the end of the week and leaning towards 25% capacity
- On restaurants, will closing time be extended from 10 to midnight?
  - Gov: no, because when restaurants are open later there tends to be more drinking and gathering
- Should people's addresses be taken into account when administering vaccines?
  - Gov: we need to help the Bronx, there is no problem with restricting a site to address problem areas
- On yellow/orange zones, what restrictions remain in place for gatherings?
  - Gov: there are no orange zones currently
  - Rhodes outlines yellow zone guidance:
    - Limits on indoor/outdoor dining
    - 50% capacity at places of worship
    - 25 people maximum for gatherings
- What are the restrictions outside of orange/yellow zones?
  - DeRosa says all the usual requirements for COVID are still in place, like testing requirements for salons/schools, curfew for restaurants, etc.
- Is the UK variant spreading widely? What is being done to detect variants?
- Zucker: we are looking at 3,000 samples to detect variants
  - There are cases of variants in all parts of the state
  - Gov: 42 positives for the UK variant in NY
- How concerned is the Gov on lifting restrictions given the UK strain?
  - Gov says the measures are justified but the facts may change
  - If experts discover more information about strains, NY will adapt