

## **2.9.21**

### Notes from the Governor's Conference Call:

#### COVID-19 General:

- Day 346
- Statewide positivity rate: 5.12%
- 153,648 test results reported
- 138 deaths
- 7,875 hospitalizations, up 159
- 1,412 ICU patients, down 42
- 951 intubations, up 10
- Numbers are still down following the holiday surge

#### Positivity by Region:

- LI: 5.36%
- Mid-Hudson: 5.34%
- North Country: 4.7%
- Capitol Region: 3.4%
- Mohawk: 3.1%
- Finger Lakes: 2.9%
- Western NY: 4.1%
- Central NY: 1.8%
- Southern Tier: 1.8%
- NYC: 5.1%
- Bronx: 6.8%
- Brooklyn: 5.37%
- Queens: 5.34%
- Staten Island: 4.9%
- Manhattan: 3.2%

#### Vaccines:

- 2.5 million doses have been administered to date
- 92% of first doses have been allocated
- Supply will increase when Johnson & Johnson vaccine is approved
- We won't see a major supply increase from Pfizer or Moderna
- Federal government will directly allocate vaccines beyond what they are giving to states
- CDC is opposed to using second doses for first doses
- Second doses must be held for patients for up to 42 days after the first dose
- The state is re-allocating unused vaccines into the general state allocation
- There are unused vaccines from the federal nursing home program because it was slower than expected and might have been over-allocated

#### Winter Storms:

- NYC should see 3 inches of snow
- Capitol region: 5-6 inches

#### Q&A:

- On rapid testing, is Gov working with pharmaceutical companies?
- Gov: we are working to establish rapid testing sites
- People can currently buy rapid tests
- The state is working on an app that can record testing data
  
- On Syracuse and other reopening plans for stadiums,

- Gov: the state will put out general guidelines for replicating the Buffalo Bills model
  
- On nursing homes, some residents have been given experimental treatments using hydroxychloroquine. Why haven't families been notified? Did the state order this?
- Gov: the state does not order treatments like that in nursing homes
- Zucker: there was an emergency-use authorization for using hydroxychloroquine, which was in-effect until experts realized that it was not an effective treatment
- Prescriptions were administered by doctors on a case-by-case basis
  
- Where can restaurant workers or taxi drivers go to get vaccinated?
- DeRosa: it is up to localities to decide whether or not to opt-in to vaccination priority plans