4.12.20 Notes from the on-going Governor's Briefing:

- Total hospitalizations per day is down, and total hospitalizations across the pandemic are plateauing.
- ICU admissions "ticked up". Governor states stat as dubious, because of re-classification of regular beds as ICU beds.
- Intubations are up from yesterday's negative number, at 110 newly intubated yesterday. 3-day intubation rate is trending down from peak.
- 758 lives lost yesterday, total 9,385 deaths.

- Reopening:
  - Coordinate business, schools, transportation, testing.
- National Governors Assoc. calling for $500B from Federal Gov't in new stimulus bill.
  - Gov refers to Kaiser Health's analysis that some states are getting $300k per COVID-19 case, while NY is getting "roughly $12k per case."
  - Reiterating request to repeal the SALT tax in Federal tax reform.
- Gov will speak w/ NJ Gov Murphy and CT Gov Lamont on coordination.
- Exec Order - directing employers to provide essential workers with cloth from surgical masks when interacting with the public.
- Exec Order - expanding who can conduct anti-body testing.
- Governor states that we're going to (at the moment) have enough ventilators to provide for all in-state need.
- Gov reiterates gratitude to Pathways nursing homes.

Q&A:

NYC SCHOOLS:
- McKinley (NYTimes) picks back up on de Blasio NYC school closures. Gov reiterates the need for coordination between tri-state and metropolitan partners. Optimum is ensure that NJ and CT are on the same page.
- Schools need to be considered in a coordinated effort with businesses.
- Gov reiterates that he's not prepared to forecast a move for June.
- Gov: "If you are saying that schools are closed through June, you are effectively saying businesses are closed through June."
  - Is anyone prepared to say that businesses aren't going to open through June? Gov thinks the discussion is premature.
- McKinley circled back and asks for a characterization of the working relationship between the Gov and de Blasio. Gov states he respects de Blasio's position.

COORDINATION ON LOCAL GOV'T:
- Governor refers to work he's accomplished with the Federal Gov't, calling it a "prime relationship" that he maintains. States that coordination with the local gov'ts is more difficult, in part because there are more of them.
- 1/3 of workforce in NYC comes from the region, that necessitates the need to coordinate NYC in relation to outlying areas.
- Question on inclusion of Rockland & Orange Co., MA, VT, PA - Gov states that there is less interaction between the other areas and the NYC area.
- Any plan of action will be a statewide plan, but there is a focus on getting CT and NJ participation.

DRIVE-IN THEATRES:
- Mujica: the exemption discussion also must consider the employees and whether that puts them at risk.
- Gov states that he'll be bringing the argument and idea to ESDC.

HOMELESS:
- Gov: Fines on social gatherings will not be effective. The housing organizations, however, must abide.

EXEC ORDER:
- State will provide state employees with masks.

DRUG TESTING:
- 2,000 patients being treated with hydrochloroquine. Gov states that there aren't any results at the moment to speak of. Assumes that the State will be getting data soon.
- Gov states that he hopes that it'll work. Gov states results might be provided by April 20.
- Anecdotes state that they are getting some positive results.
PRISONS:
- Federal prisons bureau is reporting on COVID cases. As far as state reporting goes, Gov says it's a good idea, but is unsure of possibility.

PPE & NYSNA:
- DeRosa reiterates (from yesterday) that there is a disconnect between the nurses and hospital admins. States that the state has been relieved of crisis conservation guidelines. If hospital admins are keeping the crisis guidelines in effect, the State wants to know why.