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Notes from Governor Cuomo's Conference Call:

COVID:

- 3.75% statewide positivity rate
- 58 deaths
- 4,118 hospitalizations, lowest since Dec. 3
- 860 ICU patients, down 17
- 571 intubations

Positivity Rate by Region:

- Western NY: 4.79%
 - Long Island: 3.9%
 - Mid Hudson: 3.8%
 - NYC: 3.5%
 - Finger Lakes: 3.3%
 - Capital Region: 2.2%
 - North Country: 1.8%
 - Mohawk Valley: 1.7%
 - Central NY: 1.45%
 - Southern Tier: 0.7%
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- Staten Island: 4.2%
 - Queens: 3.7%
 - Brooklyn: 3.5%
 - Bronx: 3.3%
 - Manhattan: 2.14%
 - 3.5% overall 7-day average for NYC

Vaccinations:

- 7 million total vaccinations administered
- 38% of residents have been fully vaccinated
- Gov. announced earlier today vaccines will be administered on college campuses to students, citing that the virus is spiking among adults 18-24

Reopenings:

- Graduation ceremonies will be allowed, guidance will be available May 1
- Outdoor venues holding 500 people are limited to 20% capacity, require proof of a negative test
- Outdoor venues holding 201-500 people limited to 33% capacity, require proof of negative test
- Outdoor venues holding up to 200 people at 50% of capacity, proof of negative test is optional
- Indoor venues holding over 150 are limited to 10% capacity, require proof of negative test
- Indoor venues holding 100-150 are limited to 33% capacity, proof of negative test required
- Indoor venues holding up to 100 are limited to 50% capacity proof of negative test is optional
- Local DOHs must be notified prior to all events
- Social distancing, masks still required
- State is encouraging virtual or drive-in ceremonies instead, as these are still safer options

Q&A:

On Gov.'s comments made last week on COVID tests for those visiting his office:

- Gov. said the protocol was anyone meeting with him would be tested, including his family

On who Gov. favors for NYC Mayoral race:

- Gov. said he has not expressed an opinion on this, but said he may in the future

- Gov. stressed the importance of the mayoral race this year due to COVID recovery

On shorter prison closures included in the budget:

- Mujica said prison closures are to adjust to population decrease of 50%
- Mujica added which facilities will be closed is under review, but no layoffs are expected

On positivity rate increases among 18-24 year-olds:

- Gov. said rate has gone from 9% to 14% for this population, and is thought to be due to low vaccination rate
- Dr. Zucker added the increase can also likely be attributed to behavior of college students

On the Governor's priorities for the duration of the legislative session:

- Gov. said all his main priorities were passed in the budget
- Gov. said confirmations are a priority going forward, in addition to COVID management, recovery

On the three vacancies in the state court of appeals, what the Gov is looking for in nominees, and will he commit to a judge from the LGBTQ community:

- Gov. said while he is proud to have appointed first LGBTQ judge, he "does not have a litmus test" for any vacancy
- Gov. said he plans to move quickly on these vacancies, and hopes the Senate does as well
- Garvey stated there is a list of nominees for one vacancy already, they expect another list soon
- Gov. added one list is all women, so at least one woman will be appointed