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

- Curve continues to flatten. We are seeing a plateau, unsure of how long this "apex" will last. The Governor says the curve is "still going up a little bit" but is overall flat.
- Net downturn in hospitalizations. The 3-day rolling average is also down.
- Net change in ICU admissions down as well.
- Net change in intubations 3-day rolling average is down.
- Stabilization in spread. Have been reacting to clusters.
- New COVID hospitalizations per day is down. The Governor clarified that though hospitals see about 2k new cases per day, many are discharged as well.
- Death toll for April 12: 671. Total lives lost: 10,056.
- The Governor explained the spread has been great because of the density that exists in NYC, as well as other cities throughout the country. He also added that physical environment is not the only problem, dense gatherings can also be problematic.
- REOPENING: Wants to learn from countries currently undergoing reopening procedures to see what works and what doesn't to avoid a second wave. Says actions will be based on public health and economic experts' recommendations and data.
- Want to ease isolation, increase economic activity, recalibrate "essential worker" economy, apply more testing and precautions, and to keep infection rate low. Governor says we need to watch the infection rate throughout reopening. "It's a delicate balance," he explained.
- Made points that the economy has not been shut down, however, must be recalibrated in reopening procedures.
- Would like to reopen with a regional design and systems must coordinate (economic, transportation, schools, etc.).
- Again said reopening would need Federal support.
- Precautions to be continued (masks, gloves, temperature taking).
- Have been talking with RI, CT, NJ, DE, and PA on working together for reopening plan. Announcement to come later this afternoon. No time was specified.
- The Governor claims he doesn't believe a uniform plan can be made unless they recognize state by state distinctions.
- The Governor says that there will be no short-term point to declare as the end, but there will be points of resolution over time. These will be incremental and based on control of spread of infection.
- Celebrated accomplishments made in controlling the spread and keeping "the tide from overwhelming [hospitals]."
- Hopefully, within 12-18 months a vaccine will be produced. But the Governor promised that there will be points within this time span that will help lessen the burden.
- Must continue distancing protocols.

Q&A:

HOSPITALS:
- Have been providing hospitals with any necessary materials on a daily basis. The Governor stated there may be miscommunications present between hospital staff and administrators as a possible barrier to getting materials needed, as well as the pressure of working under a constrained time-table.
- Malatras also mentioned that 200 test kits to NYC's Med Assist Network Hospital, and many hospitals often report having a 20-30 day supply of PPE.
- When asked if Buffalo was considered a hot spot for the virus, Malatras said there has been a recent stabilization in cases.

REOPENING:
- When asked on why Vermont was not included in multi-state opening agreements, the Governor said he is primarily focusing on the tri-state area. He claimed he would try to work with everyone but placed an importance on NJ and CT specifically.
- An announcement on a multi-state reopening plan will be announced at 2:00 p.m. today.
- There is a possibility that areas with lower infection rates may open sooner, though the Governor continued pushing for a coordinated effort between states.
- The Governor says schools must be opened in coordination with other systems. He mentioned mixing populations between outer-city areas and issues with child care as barriers.

COVID-19:
- The Governor reiterated that though the worst is currently behind us, people must continue distancing protocols to avoid a second wave of infection. He explained that facts will continue un-biased.
- When questioned on why nursing homes were unable to report infection rates, the Governor explained that they are protected under privacy laws. Zucker added that these protections apply due to these institutions being people's
homes.

UNEMPLOYMENT:
- The new platform was said to be working "much better," with 200k calls being made since Friday morning. DeRosa explained that 200k calls were made, but whatever callers answered had their applications finalized.