4.21.20 Notes from the Governor’s Briefing:

- Total hospitalizations is "basically flat" and overall curve is decreasing
- Net change in intubations and net hospitalizations is decreasing
- New COVID hospitalizations 1,308 as of yesterday
- Total hospitalizations by region
  - 64% in NYC, 21% in Long Island, 8% in Westchester and Rockland County
  - 125 hospital deaths in Erie county yesterday
  - 481 total deaths in NY yesterday (452 in hospitals, 29 in nursing homes)

Governor reiterated the need to Do No Harm:
  - Be ready to Surge and Flex support to address local clusters by moving ventilators and equipment from downstate to upstate.

Elective Treatment:
  - Hospitals will allow elective outpatient treatment in counties and hospitals without significant risk of COVID-19 surge in near term.
  - Westchester and Rockland south, Erie, Albany, Dutchess, and several other counties are excluded.

Testing and Tracing:
  - National private manufactures of lab equipment sell test and treatment to labs to 211 labs in NY.
  - Governor agrees that states should be in charge of testing however the federal government should aid in providing tests.

Reopening:
  - Decisions to open will be made on regional circumstances.
  - Use this experience to Build Back Better.
  - LG Hochul will be in charge of Western NY region public health reopening strategy.
  - Robert Duffy will be volunteer special advisor in the Finger Lakes and Rochester area.

Q&A:

Testing:
  - Meeting with president will focus on testing.
  - NYS tests more than any other state. NYS also tests more per capita than any other country.
  - Governor questioned if testing is really up to the states if federal agents like FEMA make presentations on testing. Efforts need to be more coordinated.

Unemployment:
  - There are many claims that need to be addressed so to address these claims, we have been partnering with experts to develop a more efficient system.

Regional Reopening:
  - Will view hospitalization rate and amount of COVID cases in addition to infection rates and hospital capacity to determine when and how reopening is possible.

Funding:
  - Governor stated that it is a terrible mistake not to offer funding to the states.