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Notes from Governor Cuomo's Conference Call:

COVID:

- 150,000 tests conducted yesterday
- 57 deaths
- 4.3% statewide positivity rate
- 4,400 hospitalizations, up 61
- 906 ICU patients
- 577 intubations
- Gov. added COVID numbers have been mostly flat recently
- He stressed residents continue to adhere to safety protocols to ensure numbers stay down

Positivity Rate by Region:

- Western NY: 4.7%
- Mid Hudson: 4.6%
- Long Island: 4.3%
- NYC: 4.2%
- Finger Lakes: 2.6%
- Capital Region: 2.3%
- Mohawk Valley: 1.6%
- North Country: 1.6%
- Southern Tier: 0.7%
- Central NY: 1.3%

- Staten Island: 4.9%
- Queens: 4.7%
- Bronx: 4.4%
- Brooklyn: 4.2%
- Manhattan: 2.6%

Vaccinations:

- To improve equity, Gov. announced "Roll Up Your Sleeves" public education campaign earlier today
- 10.5 million total doses administered to date
- Over 4 million New Yorkers fully vaccinated, about 20% of state
- Everyone over the age of 16 will be eligible beginning tomorrow
- Gov. said mass vaccination sites have highest administration rates but pop-up sites better serve communities due to proximity

Budget:

- Gov. said budget also includes a COVID recovery program
- He called this budget the "most complicated" he has done
- Gov. called it "an international competition" to rebuild after COVID
- Gov. said 497 localities, approximately 90%, have submitted public safety reform plans to the state
- 450 plans have been enacted, but Gov. noted some are only a starting point
- Gov. highlighted green energy, affordable internet, nursing home reform, saying they are in the budget
- Gov. said a "conceptual agreement" has been reached "on all issues", houses continuing to work with their conferences

Q&A:

On why the Gov. is holding in-person events that are closed to the press due to COVID restrictions, despite allowing others to attend:

- Gov. said the total number of people allowed in the venue dictates who will be allowed

- Gov. said the purpose of such events are targeted at local communities and raising awareness about the vaccine
- Gov. asserted he could better reach the press through conference calls

On current mobile sports betting deal and how this will impact Oneida Indian Nation, which would lose out on \$20 million annually:

- Gov. said states have allowed mobile sports betting in two ways: casinos can be allowed to run, and they would receive profits or the state contracts directly with mobile sports vendors
- Gov. said the state should be receiving the profits directly rather than the casinos
- Oneida Indian Nation is claiming if a bet is made within their region, they should receive the revenue
- Mujica called the question "factually wrong", said all regions should be able to participate and share in revenue, and they are working on legislation to accomplish this

On an update on changes in social distancing in schools:

- Zucker said they are reviewing, but every school has different needs
- Garvey said the state has been working with school districts, SED, and will be issuing guidance within the next week
- Gov. said it is a controversial topic, and this is the reason for the delay

On federal rent relief program, and the Gov.'s opinion on whether landlords should be required to participate:

- Garvey said the state is finalizing language on rent relief, and they expect landlords will want to participate
- She added that protections will be added for those who do not participate