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

- Newly hospitalized 3-day rate is down.
- Total hospitalization numbers reflect a projected plateau.
- Daily intubations and daily discharged are trending down.
  - Trends reflect social distancing adherence. Continuation dependent upon continued adherence. Numbers would increase, otherwise.
- 138,836 total cases, 5,489 deaths.
- Gov mentions NJ again, and their increase in cases and deaths (2nd in nation).
- State up to 90,000 available beds.
- Staffing numbers are being stressed. Healthcare workers are getting sick.
  - 7,000 new staff have been hired out of the pool to-date.
- Every hospital has what they need to-date.
- USNS Comfort will now be a 500 bed COVID-19 facility. Between Javits and Comfort, that's an additional 3,000 COVID-19 beds.
- Working on a tri-state cooperative (NY, NJ, CT).
  - Schools, healthcare, economy are points of discussion and cooperation.
  - Regional approach to planning a return to work, life and economy.
  - Gov reiterates his opinion that testing is the key.
  - DOH approved anti-body testing, awaiting FDA approval to be brought to scale.
  - Rapid testing now exists (less than 15 minutes), but it is not yet brought to scale. Region interested in working with private companies to bring rapid testing to scale.
  - Private companies w/ rapid testing product urged to call: 212-803-3100 / email: COVID19supplies@esd.ny.gov
- Federal assistance required, according to Gov, with focus on state and local governments to pad out revenue shortfalls.
  - Gov sending letter to NY Congressional delegation bringing focus to government needs.

Q&A:

COVID-19 GENERAL:
- Wadsworth labs developed the anti-body test, working with FDA to bring the test to scale. Immunoglobulin G is being measured in order to ensure that the test focuses on recovered/resolved infections.
- State has to call coroner offices around the state in order to acquire information on race.
- Exec Order will be issued today covering all issues mentioned since Friday: ventilator redistribution, extension of NY PAUSE.
  - Gov now stating that state is in a different situation due to other state loaning of ventilators.
  - Governor stating that the individual frustration might lead to irresponsible behaviors.
  - Governor is speaking to the hospitals (noted as he walked out).

UNEMPLOYMENT:
- Should see easing of call congestion today, as volume redistributed to call centers.
- New Google web interface should be operational by Wednesday.

PRISONS:
- Released about 700 low-risk offenders have been released statewide.
- 240 out of Rikers, specifically.