Notes from Governor Cuomo's briefing:

COVID:

- 1.43% statewide positivity rate
- 110,541 tests conducted
- 2,016 hospitalizations
- 27 fatalities
- 493 ICU patients
- 301 intubations

Positivity Rate by Region:

- Finger Lakes: 2.72%
- Western NY: 2.43%
- Southern Tier: 0.65%
- Central NY: 1.18%
- Mid Hudson: 1.43%
- NYC: 1.25%
- Long Island: 1.27%
- Mohawk Valley: 1.48%
- Capital Region: 1.46%
- North Country: 2.02%

- Brooklyn: 1.45%
- Staten Island: 1.46%
- Bronx: 1.35%
- Queens: 1.33%
- Manhattan: 0.73%

Vaccines:

- Vaccination rate: 16.8 million total shots in arms
  - 9.6 million people have received at least one shot (60.2%)
  - 7.8 million people are fully vaccinated (48.9%)
- Gov repeated concerns over vaccine hesitancy
  - Two areas of focus: young people and doubtful people
  - 24.7% of people ages 16-25 have gotten a vaccine
- SUNY and CUNY boards will require vaccinations for all in-person students this Fall
  - Gov encouraged private schools to do the same
- Gov proposed a law to stop discrimination against vaccinated individuals
- Gov announced free 7-day metro cards for everyone vaccinated at a subway station
- Gov: the residency requirement will be lifted for vaccines

Islanders:

- The Islanders are going to the playoffs, tickets go on sale tomorrow
  - 50% of sales for vaccinated people, 50% for unvaccinated people

The Gov was joined by Sarah Feinberg, Interim President of the NYC Transit Authority, Pat Foye (CEO of the MTA) and Jon Ledecky (Co-Owner of the NY Islanders):

- Repeated points on free metro cards and rides for vaccinated individuals, encouraged people to get vaccinated
- Announced new ridership milestones for buses, trains, and subways
- Celebrated the Islanders' upcoming playoff match

Q&A:
- On MTA vaccine sites and promotions, why do it on such a limited basis?
  - Gov: this was done with hospitals with mixed results
  - Feinberg: this is a pilot program, they wanted to see what works

- On subway safety, wouldn't it help if the mayor and Gov sat together and tried to figure things out?
  - Gov said this has been an ongoing conversation for years but there is a "philosophical difference"
    - Gov proposed hiring 500 officers for subways but faced significant opposition
    - Feinberg and Foye often engage with mayoral staff but the mayor just doesn't want more police on subways

- On AG investigation and political motivations:
  - Gov didn't want to comment on the ongoing review
  - Gov: you will hear both sides of the story at some point

- On vaccines, was the Gov's previous hesitance a disincentive for people to get vaccinated?
  - Gov: we didn't have enough vaccines for the population, demand was much higher
  - Gov: prioritizing older people at first might have led young people to think they don't need the vaccine

- On opioid settlement funds and the general fund:
  - Gov: it is unclear what percent of funds went to addiction services

- On police presence and NYC streets:
  - Gov said the crime rate is a priority, tensions between the community and police must be addressed first
    - Gov: community leaders should sit down and figure it out
  - Should officers patrol the streets again? Does news of children being shot hurt tourism?
    - Gov: reporters are oversimplifying the issue, two figures cannot sit down and solve the problem
    - There is a correlation between economic cycles and the crime rate

- On the Governor telling people to get together despite not wanting to sit down with Mayor de Blasio:
  - Gov: "there are two philosophical differences here"
  - Gov said the police reform plan was too much for the political system, but sitting down was the first step