5.11.20 Notes from the Governor’s Briefing:

- Day 71
- Hospitalizations down / intubations down / new COVID hospitalizations per day down to 521 (Same as March 20th, which is the day of the close down).
- New lives lost, 207.

NURSING HOMES:
- Gov reiterates protection measures in place as well as restrictions.
  - NY has highest population of nursing home residents in country at 101,518
  - 34th highest percentage of nursing home deaths.
    - W.V. 81% share of state COVID deaths.
- Additional steps to be implemented: All nursing home staff must be tested twice a week. Diagnostic test as well as temperature check. It will be a rule.
- Hospitals cannot discharge a patient to a nursing home unless patient tests negative for COVID.
- Gov adds that there are alternative facilities for nursing home patients both COVID and non-COVID: 90k hospital beds, surge capacity. State not reducing bed capacity until end of COVID / end of year.
  - Gov states that nursing homes must contact state if unable to care for patient.
  - If nursing home operator does not follow procedures, "you will lose your license."

UPDATE ON COVID IN CHILDREN:
- investigating 85 cases in mostly toddler to elementary school age. Cases are different than typical COVID symptoms.
- 2 additional deaths are under investigation. DOH issuing notice to all other states.

TREATMENT:
- Remdesivir has been shown to help COVID-19 recover more quickly. NYS is working with HHS, administering to 2,900.

NEXT WEEK IS MAY 15:
- Does data indicate spread under control?
- Does region have operational requirements to match COVID challenge in place / do they have compliance function enabled?
- "More tomorrow".

FEDERAL LEGISLATION:
- States will do what they must, but states have limits.
- NY can handle reopening, but almost every state needs funding help.
- NYS revenues will decline. Gov mentions that NYS economy had been doing "really great."
- COVID related expenses reduce money available.
- MTA and Port Authority are facing dire revenue losses.
- If feds don't help:
  - Schools down 20%
  - Local Gov's down 20%
  - Hospitals down 20%
  - "Any category we down cut means deeper cuts somewhere else.
- Gov states $35B needed from Feds.
- Federal COVID funding per positive case (Gov highlighting disparities):
  - AK $3.4M
  - MT $2.7M
  - WY $2.1M
  - KY $338K
  - NY $23K
- Gov reiterates stance that Feds bailed out corporate America, and mentions tax break for millionaires.
  - "Now you're going to starve police, fire and schools?"
- Don't make the same mistake twice. "No corporate bailouts that don't protect workers."
  - No subsidy for any corporations that lay off employees.
  - Gov says that companies are already talking about "right-sizing" employee base. Government would have to then subsidize unemployment.
- Gov proposes "The Americans First Law."
  - Corporation required to hire same number of laid off employees to receive federal funds.

NEW YORK LOVING:
- "We all need it now. This is hard on everyone... Love is the one thing that can make it all better."
- Transitions to Mother's Day: Governor's personification of love is his mother.
- Governor's mother Matilda and daughters joined the briefing through video tech.

Q&A:

NURSING HOME:
- Gov says state testing as many residents as they can.
- Question on policies going back to March. Gov states that the directive is that a nursing home is required to refer patients that they’re unable to care for to DOH.
- Rescinding the March 25 order, why now?
  - Malatras states that hospitals are no longer able to send COVID patients until no longer positive. DeRosa & Malatras state that the anti-discrimination order remains in effect. DeRosa reiterates that the responsibility for care remains with the nursing home.
  - Gov states that this new order is binding on the hospital, not the nursing home.
  - Gov stating that the nursing home obligation to care and reach out to DOH has not been communicated to the detriment of the residents and families.
    - Gov: what we’re saying today is that we have excess capacity, and hospitals can discharge to another facility, which was always the case.
    - The presumption is that the nursing home was able to care for residents returning from hospital.
    - McKinley (NYTimes) presses on optics of policy of anti-discrimination saying it seems illogical.

NEW NON-ESSENTIAL LAWSUITS:
- DeRosa: working with the courts on it, but answer is trying to get online as soon as possible.
- Looking at ways to get grand juries online, noted possible issues in getting jury members to show up.

CHILDREN:
- McKinley asking for details on cases, Gov states that they will look at details to convey while maintaining privacy laws.
- Zucker: Team of 30-40 people looking at the charts of all patients. He adds that he has personally looked over the charts. CDC has sent people up as well.
- Zucker states that as they review charts, they’ll be able to get more info out. Zucker also states that parents should err on the side of caution, if children have symptoms (nausea, diarrhea...).
  - 2 elementary / 1 adolescent died.

REOPENING:
- Gov inviting all county executives to participate on conference call tomorrow. Gov adds, Malatras confirms that there will be areas that qualify for reopening.

GOV ANTIBODY TESTING:
- Gov states that he doesn’t believe there is any reason why he would have antibodies.

TOTAL RUNNING TIME ABOUT ABOUT 55 MINS.