Notes from Governor Cuomo's Announcement:

COVID:
- 1.10% statewide positivity rate
- 1,928 hospitalizations
- 463 ICU patients
- 270 intubations
- 26 deaths

Positivity Rate by Region:
- Western NY: 2.3%
- Finger Lakes: 2.7%
- Southern Tier: 0.6%
- Mid Hudson: 1.23%
- Central NY: 1.14%
- Mohawk Valley: 1.49%
- NYC: 1.11%
- Long Island: 1.16%
- Capital Region: 1.42%
- North Country: 2.00%

Vaccinations:
- 17 million total vaccinations so far
- 50% of those over the age of 18 are fully vaccinated

Announcements:
- Gov. announced that this Friday to next Wednesday, the Niagara Frontier Transportation Authority is offering the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at NFTA centers across the region on a walk-in basis
- Gov. said a free metro pass will be given to anyone receiving a vaccine
- Gov. urged other transit systems to participate as well
- Gov. added that by Memorial Day, beaches and pools will be open with 6ft social distancing required
- He said the goal is to allow 100% capacity by July 4
- Gov. also announced Sahlen Field will open June 1, 50% of stadium will be for those vaccinated, 50% for those not vaccinated with 6ft social distancing, masks will be required
- Additionally, beginning June 1, fans can get a Johnson & Johnson vaccine at a Blue Jays game, and receive a free ticket to a Bison's game for next season
Q&A:

On the opening of the state fair, and whether county fairs can reopen as well:

- Gov. said they are currently reviewing a plan from the Erie County Fair, which is similar to the state fair plan, and the state will respond within one week.

Follow up on those fairs that had to cancel this year because state guidance has not been released yet:

- Gov. said general guidance was released for the state fair, which will generally apply to other fairs.
- Gov. said the delay was to attempt to open fairs at the greatest capacity possible, as it would not be economically feasible for vendors to participate otherwise.

On why masks are continuing to be required at outdoor events:

- Gov. said the variance in mask requirements across states correlates to positivity rates as well as death rates.
- Gov. said it would be "reckless" to not require masks at this time.

On whether the capacity guidance based on vaccinations is creating a class system:

- Gov. said everyone has a choice to vaccinate or not, and these do not constitute classes.

On why New York does not have a full reopening date set whereas other states have done this:

- Gov. said numbers can change so quickly, it makes more sense to make decisions on a shorter term basis.

On how the state will address those who refuse to get vaccinated despite incentives:

- Gov. said he is not resigned on this issue, but acknowledged those who are fundamentally anti-vaccine are committed to that.

On whether the capacity guidance for the Blue Jays will apply to Bills games:

- Gov. said this is likely the plan, but will need to be evaluated in September, and he hopes for full capacity by then.