5.13.20 Notes from the Governor's Briefing:

- Hospitalizations and intubations are down
- New COVID Cases is 416 as of yesterday, up from 401 May 11
- 166 deaths (122 in hospitals, 44 in nursing homes)
- "We're just about where we are when we started this painful situation."

Testing for Essential Workers:
- Antibody Test Results for essential workers are testing positive at lower rates than other groups
  - Downstate transit workers 14.2%
  - Downstate healthcare workers 12.2%
  - NYPD 10.5%
  - FDNY/EMT 17.1%
  - NYC General Population tested positive at 19.9%
- Out of 2,750 police officers tested only 3% tested positive
- 3,000 members of DOCCS have been tested 7.5% tested positive

Hospitals:
- Elective surgeries to continue in 12 more counties
  - Albany, Cayuga, Chemung, Columbia, Clinton, Cortland, Montgomery, Orange, Otsego, Renselaer, Schenectady, Warren

Reopening:
- Finger Lakes, Mohawk Valley, North County, and Southern Tier meet metrics for reopening
- The governor reiterated Dr. Fauci's warning about reopening too soon
  - Calibrate/control by monitoring diagnostic testing, antibody testing, hospitalizations rate and capacity, infection rate
  - Regional control group should manage, monitor, and ensure compliance with safety precautions
- We must stay alert because we are still learning

Children and COVID-19:
- DOH is investigating 102 cases of what may be rare COVID-related illness in children with symptoms similar to Kawasaki disease or toxic shock like syndrome
- Illness has taken lives of 5 year old boy, 7 year old boy, and 18 year old girl
- 60% of children with symptoms tested positive for COVID-19 and 40% tested positive for the antibodies (14% positive for both). 71% of cases end up in ICU.
- On Monday, DOH sent alert to 49 other state health departments and Dr. Zucker did nationwide call with health commissioner as part of NY's role as leading national effort on new syndrome
- 14 other states (California, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Utah, Washington) Washington D.C, and Spain, France, England, Italy, and Switzerland have reported cases as well
- Parents who have been exposed to COVID-19 or have reason to believe their child has been exposed should take heightened precautions and seek medical attention
- Hospitals have been directed by DOH to prioritize COVID-19 testing for children presenting symptoms

Federal Assistance:
- We need federal help, we have a significant funding gap of $61B
- Funding is necessary for essential workers, state testing and tracing, public infrastructures as economic stimulus
- SALT Repeal
  - Costs $29B to NY
- No corporate giveaways for layoffs
- Governor Washington Op-Ed: "Make sure subsidies are tied to worker protections."
  - Americans First Law: No corporate bailout if workers will be laid off
  - Will be introduced by congressional delegation

Q&A

Unemployment:
- State budget will be a function of what is received from Washington so they must provide sufficient funds as the future of state prisons depends on it
- 3,000 people are working to keep up with increase in volume
  - According to DeRosa, the DOL will announce that 330K claims have been paid out

Reopening:
- According to DeRosa, testing parameters came from Dr. Burke and the White House task force and these parameters provide confidence in North Country to have enough testing capacity to reopen
- California announced that state colleges will not open in Fall, reopening of colleges in NY in not yet determined

Testing:
- As we increase testing capacity testing will be expanded to more areas including prisons
- According to DeRosa, prison population is tested in similar matter as general population. 455 have tested positive, 313 are recovering
- We will provide aid to ensure that testing can be done twice a week in nursing home facilities