Notes from Governor Cuomo's Briefing:

- The Gov was joined by Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Sen. Jamaal Bailey, and Asm. Michael Benedetto

COVID:

- 1.08% statewide positivity rate
- 204,531 tests conducted
- 1,852 hospitalizations (-76)
- 433 ICU patients (-30)
- 258 intubations (-12)
- 22 deaths

Vaccinations:

- 17.2 million doses administered statewide
- 9,771,045 individuals have had at least one dose (60.9% of people 18+)
- 8,053,696 individuals are fully vaccinated (50.4% of people 18+)
- 1,112 people have been vaccinated at MTA hubs

Announcements:

- Gov highlighted numerous budget initiatives for the Bronx:
  - The state is rebuilding the highways to bring trucks directly to Hunts Point
  - Bronx Unemployment Strikeforce to connect people with jobs
  - Affordable housing and small business relief programs
- $1.58 billion was put aside to build a new train stop
  - The state will issue an RFP for a new Metro-North stop in the Bronx
  - Will be completed by 2025

Ruben Diaz, Sen. Bailey, and Asm. Benedetto:

- Each thanked the Gov for his focus and efforts regarding the Bronx and the Co-op City station project
- Diaz discussed Bronx Week and described the challenges that led to the new project
- Bailey mentioned several Co-op City leaders by name and discussed the background of Co-op City (formerly Freedomland)
- Benedetto echoed the sentiments of Bailey, Diaz, and the Gov

Q&A:

- On sexual harassment,
- Gov said he took the powerpoint training this year
- On comments related to Charlotte Bennett's accusations,
- Gov denied saying anything inappropriate

- On the AG's investigation, was the Gov concerned about the results?
- Gov said he is innocent and claimed that he didn’t say he doesn't have faith in the investigation

- On Amtrak and the East River Tunnel,
- Janno Lieber, CDO of the MTA: expressed concerns with Amtrak on shutdowns and was hopeful that Amtrak would reconsider

- On the Gov of Ohio offering a lottery for getting the vaccine,
- Gov said he considered various incentives but expressed concerns about people who have already gotten the vaccine