5.14.20 Notes from the Governor’s Briefing:

- Hospitalizations and intubations are down
- New COVID Cases 420 as of yesterday
- 157 deaths (121 in hospitals, 36 in nursing homes)

Reopening:
- Not a matter of if we reopen, but when and how
- Check the data on a daily basis
- Transparency is key
- NYS will post daily dashboard of relevant local information
- Central NY, Finger Lakes, Mohawk Valley, North Country, Southern Tier
- Build Back Better in areas of education, telecommuting, telemedicine, public transit, and public health

Local Government Management:
- Monitor numbers on a daily basis
- Manage compliance among business and individuals for reopening procedures
- React immediately if numbers change

Federal Assistance:
- We still need federal help to fund schools, hospitals, local governments, police officers, and firefighters
- President Trump expedited $3.9B to the MTA
- The House proposed a bill containing state and local aid, testing funding, repeals to SALT to help states affected by COVID
  - Cap on SALT increases federal taxes on NYers by $12B-$15B
- Washington must not delay, exclude special interests and not provide corporate bailouts
  - If corporation accepts federal funds, they should rehire same amount of workers

Re-Imagine:
- Must use this opportunity to build back better
- This experience has taught us we need to make medical equipment in the U.S.
  - Initial $3M in grants to businesses to manufacture medical supplies and equipment in NY
  - Contact Empire State Development to grow or start medical supply business: www.esd.ny.gov

COVID-Related Illness in Children
- DOH is investigating 110 cases of what may be rare COVID-related illness in children with symptoms similar to atypical 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
- NYS and DOH are leading national effort to understand and combat new syndrome
- So far, 16 other states, Washington D.C., and six European countries have reported cases
- While this illness is rare, seek care if child has prolonged fever (more than five days), abdominal pain, diarrhea, vomiting, bloodshot eyes, skin rash
- NYS issued first-in-the-nation criteria to healthcare professionals defining this syndrome
- NYS DOH also directed hospitals to prioritize testing for children with symptoms

Personal Opinion:
- There are things we don’t know yet and information will keep changing
- This virus has beaten us at every turn
- We must continue to be diligent
Q&A

Reopening:
- Business will reopen while abiding by reopening guidelines for particular regions which will be enforced by local government.
- According to DeRosa, there will be regional control meetings to ensure regions are adhering to guidelines
- Social acceptability continues to be left up to individuals
- Religious institutions should adhere to guidelines for large gatherings and remember the situation in New Rochelle
- There is federal legislation pending regarding liability for businesses that tests positive for COVID
- Regions will be able to open at 12:01 a.m., so Friday can be a day of business
- Will have daily calls with the regional control council
- Governor stated that he was unsure of which phase hair stylists would fall under

Misc.
- COVID Cases in Madison County is due to proximity of workers.
  - In response to workers being displaced due to COVID and living in hotels, Dr. Zucker stated that work is being done with the county to address housing
- For in-person transactions at the DMV all expirations have been suspended (i.e. expired drivers license) and will not be enforced
- Governor said, "I am not going to guess." in response to questions about being ready to plan for the State Fair and Syracuse Nationals