**5.15.20 Notes from the Governor's Briefing:**

- Hospitalizations and intubations are down
- New COVID Cases 431 as of yesterday, up from 420 May 12
- 132 deaths yesterday
- "We're where we are when this first started."
- "Our Curve is down, and the curve in the rest of the nation is up."

**Reopening:**
- 5/10 regions will open
- NY on PAUSE is extended to May 28 for regions that do not open today
  - If a region hits benchmark between now and then, they can reopen
- Phase 1 Reopening
  - Residential/Commercial Construction
    - Indoor/outdoor
    - Masks must be worn within 6 feet of another worker
    - Employer must provide masks
    - No congregate meetings
  - Retail Business Owner
    - Curbside pickup
    - In store pickup when curbside is not possible
    - Masks must be worn by employees and customers (unless under two years of age or for medical reasons) and hand sanitizer will be available
  - Local Officials/Control Center
    - Enforce Business compliance and social distancing
    - Daily morning meeting of regional control center to review and monitor infection/testing/hospitalization rates
- Beaches for Memorial Day
  - Agreement has been made with New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Delaware to open beaches for Memorial Day
  - State and local beaches may open Friday before Memorial Day weekend on the following conditions:
    - No more than 50% capacity with controlled exists/entrances
    - No group activities
    - Keep areas of social gatherings closed
    - Enforce social distancing measures
    - Close concessions
    - Ensure staff levels are adequate for crowd control
  - City/town/county beaches can open under same conditions
    - Must fully enforce minimum rules and may add additional conditions
    - Local governments must publicly notify by Wednesday, May 20
- Governor reiterated the need to be smart during reopening and to learn from other areas that have reopened
- Local Governments Regional Control Group:
  - Enforcement/compliance of business individuals
  - Perform testing/tracing
  - Monitor all indicators
  - Information on each region is available online and will be updated daily

**Q&A**

**Testing:**
- Nursing home staff continues to be tested twice a week
- Governor stated that testing is much more available now and there are some areas that don't utilize all tests
- The federal government is helping with supply chain issues when national manufactures cannot provide
- According to DeRosa, BioReference Lab Core and Quest have been partnered and
30K tests a day are being saved for nursing homes
- On the issue of Wadsworth, they do not have the capacity to test the amount of people that wish to work with them

Reopening:
- When asked what the rationale was for reopening beaches for memorial day, the Governor stated that he wanted to work in conjunction with other states to avoid overcrowding in areas that open alone and that he did not feel stressed by Governor Murphy's decision to open beaches
  - According to DeRosa, this agreement was made prior to Governor Murphy's announcement and that Connecticut beaches were never closed
- Businesses that open today have signed a compliance agreement. If there is a violation, they can be closed on that basis.
- Mujica stated that all complaints that come through hotline will be forwarded to regional control groups
- When asked about stylists, the Governor mentioned a situation in Kingston in which a stylist opened resulting in an outbreak. Stylists will be able to open in phase two

Finances:
- When asked if 20% cuts would be made to schools and local governments the Governor stated that he "has faith in humanity" and hopes that Washington will do what they can to assist
- According to Mujica, the Comptroller report coming out today states revenues are down 14%. He continued noting that the federal government has been working on a bill that will provide funds to the state
- The Governor stated that he would continue to put pressure on the federal gov to provide state funding

COVID-Related Illness:
- Zucker stated that people who might be infected should contact physicians and avoid contact with others
- Cases in children are being found proportionate to the population and is all over the state