

5.16.20 Notes from the Governor's Briefing:

- Hospitalizations are down.
- Intubations are down.
- New cases per day is down (400 - out of 19 million residents).
- 157 lives lost on 5/15: 105 in hospitals / 52 in nursing homes.

REOPENING:

- Governor reiterates, and again reviews reopening criteria and displays dashboard.
- Adds "economic activity without a crowd":
 - Expect guidelines on racing tracks to open June 1 without fans.
 - Expect guidelines on Watkins Glen International without fans.
- Governor reiterates importance of personal behavior on future COVID cases.
- Governor reiterates local governance compliance enforcement.
- Governor reiterates projected \$61B budget hole (over years) and importance of federal funding to state and local government expenditures.

ELECTIVE SURGERIES:

- Westchester and Suffolk counties now eligible for elective surgeries and ambulatory care.

US HOUSE BILL:

- \$500B for states / \$375B for locals
- Medicaid funding
- Increases SNAP
- 100% FEMA assistance
- Testing funding
- Repeals SALT
- Governor reiterates call to ban federal funds going to corporate bailouts.

Q&A:

OPENING OF RACING TRACKS:

- Jon Campbell on opening MLB: State can control race tracks, but not MLB.
 - Mujica states that NASCAR expressed interest in racing without present fans. Added that horse racing facilities expressed the same.
 - Campbell presses on staffing / support and its effect on density ratios.
- Governor states that plans need to be presented in order to ensure the safety of staff.

ALBANY / RENSSELAER ON NURSING HOMES:

- Statistics to be included or not. Governor states that the conversations are on-going.

REOPENING:

- Fear of Capital Region residents going to Mohawk Valley businesses? Gov. states that there's not much of a difference between one person mandate, and curb-side mandate in Phase 1.

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NEW CASES DATA:

- McKinley question on data coming from people who are not working and are at home. "Where are they being infected?" Zucker states that the state will learn a lot more as contact tracing expands.

CONTACT TRACING:

- Malatras: several hundred tracers in the five opening regions. He adds that they're ready to go, but unsure if they're working right now.

SESSION:

- Question on legislation the Gov wanted passed.
- Gov reiterates point that members are working harder than they normally would due to increased constituent demands.
- Gov adds that he discusses all exec orders with legislative leaders.

"They're very much engaged."

HYDROXYCHLOROQUINE:

- Zucker states that the state didn't find any data to support wide-spread administration of treatment.

RESPONSE TO REN. CO. EXEC MCLAUGHLIN:

- McLaughlin (A vocal critic on social media) stating that the numbers on national cases increasing is incorrect.

- Gov states the numbers are taken from the NYTimes.

- "Woe for me to pick between the two."

FEDERAL LEGISLATION:

- Dan Clark: Spoken to the Senate delegation? Gov states that yes, he's pressed the issue, and then reiterates his position on prior bills helping corporations, and not state / local gov'ts.

At the close, the Governor stated that it's a nice day today, and that he's going to go enjoy it, and noted that the press should "be here tomorrow."

No time given.