

5.19.20 Notes from the Governor's Briefing:

- Hospitalizations are down.
- Net change in hospitalizations is down.
- Intubations are down.
- 335 total hospitalizations.
- 105 deaths yesterday, 85 in hospitals, 20 in nursing homes.

REOPENING:

- Capital region has identified 430 contact tracers.
 - They needed 383 contact tracers.
 - This makes the region eligible for reopening tomorrow.
- Nassau County is eligible for elective surgery.
- GNYHA and HANYS are implementing a 2-week pilot program.
 - It will allow increased hospital visitations for family and loved ones.
- Gov reiterated that sports should reopen without fans.
- On Memorial Day: Gov will allow ceremonies with 10 people or less.

FEDERAL:

- Gov repeated his proposal for the Americans First Law.
 - Financial support for businesses that rehire all of the workers they have laid off.
 - Fund state and local governments (hospitals, police, schools)
- Gov reiterated that federal aid is a bipartisan issue.
- US House passed a bill including \$500 billion in state aid.

GOV PERSPECTIVE:

- If a successful vaccine is found, it must be made immediately available to all.
- Gov encouraged people to think about how they have used their time.
- Government has become vital again, and is only truly important in times of crisis.
 - Government must be competent.

Q&A:

TRANSIT:

- The President of the MTA is looking to the state for guidance.
 - Gov commended the MTA for improving as a result of the pandemic.

MULTI-SYSTEM INFLAMMATORY SYNDROME:

- Gov stated that the state is investigating 120 cases now.
 - DeRosa corrected the Gov, and pointed out the number of confirmed cases is actually 137.
- Gov said these infections usually come from home-spread.

FEDERAL:

- Congress has made this a political issue, what is the Gov's strategy?
 - Gov said politicians should rise above red vs. blue issues.
- Gov reiterated that NY bails out other state every year.
- What is being done to screen travelers?
- On incoming flights: Gov stated that the state has no control over customs.
 - The Federal government must enforce travel bans and determine procedures for travelers.

NURSING HOMES:

- Who will administer tests and who pays for it?
 - Gov: "We now have more capacity than we have people taking tests."

- Gov reiterated that anyone who is showing flu-like symptoms can get a test.
- Testing is also available to hospital workers, nursing home staff, or anyone exposed to COVID-19.

MISCELLANEOUS:

- On evictions: Gov reiterated that people cannot be evicted for missing rent payments.