Notes from Governor Cuomo's Announcement:

COVID:

- 0.85% statewide positivity rate
- 1,490 hospitalizations
- 339 ICU patients
- 208 intubations
- 18 deaths

Positivity Rate by Region:

- Western NY: 1.66%
- Finger Lakes: 2.52%
- Southern Tier: 0.61%
- Mid Hudson: 0.91%
- Central NY: 1.49%
- Mohawk Valley: 0.99%
- NYC: 0.81%
- Long Island: 0.89%
- Capital Region: 1.13%
- North Country: 1.75%

Vaccinations:

- 53.5% of state is fully vaccinated
- Gov. said vaccination rate continues to decline due to hesitancy

Announcements:

- Gov. announced a vaccination incentive "Vax and Scratch", which will run May 24 to May 28
- Those receiving a vaccine at any of the 10 mass vaccination sites will receive a ticket for the Mega Multiplier Lottery
- First prize is $5 million, and additional prizes will be offered
- Gov. said chance to win is 1 in 9

- Gov. also announced pop-up vaccination sites at airports beginning next week

- Gov. discussed $70 million will be invested to rebuild Buffalo Niagara International Airport

- Gov. also announced Upstate Airport Economic Development competition, which will award $250 million - Applications will be due September 15

Q&A:

On the Gov.'s book deal being made "on the backs of New Yorkers":
- Gov.: "That's stupid"

Follow-up on why it is "stupid" that families who lost loved ones due to COVID would be offended by the book deal:
- Gov. said the question was "stupid" and "offensive"
- Gov. said the book was written because lessons needed to be learned to inform future responses
- Gov. repeated that his administration was targeted by the Trump Administration for political reasons

On whether Gov. will release the entire contract for his book:
- Gov. said details are already known, his taxes are released to the public
- Gov. claimed he releases more information than any other elected official
- Gov. called on Republicans to release their tax returns, including NYGOP Chairman Langworthy, who was in attendance and asking the question
On childcare providers' criticism of new mask guidance:
- Gov. stated the guidance is based on CDC guidance, which is based on data
- Gov. said he understands the guidance is challenging for parents and childcare providers
- Gov. said the state is working with providers to see if there is any way to help

On whether federal investigators have contacted the Gov. or family on allegations of priority preference for COVID testing for Gov.'s family:
- Gov. implied this is politically motivated
- Gov. said as he was running the COVID response, he wanted to ensure anyone he came into contact with was tested

On why the state is continuing restrictions if masks are no longer needed based on CDC guidance:
- Gov. said only few restrictions remain
- Gov. said state is largely reopened, and masks are only required for those not vaccinated

On Tesla equipment purchased but not currently being utilized:
- Gov. said contract with Tesla provides jobs and economic benefits
- Gov. said Tesla has been meeting its deadlines
- Gov. said he was unsure whether the equipment was part of the contract or whether the contract has been breached

On NY losing a congressional seat due to census, and whether Gov. is pursuing legal challenges as he previously claimed:
- Gov. said he "tries everything" but these were extraordinary circumstances, citing COVID and the Trump Administration