

### **5.23.20 Notes from the Governor's Briefing:**

- Day 84; Saturday of Memorial Day weekend.
- Governor states when the virus takes a day off, so will he. Teases people who requested a day off during the holiday weekend.
- Hospitalizations down. Net change down. Intubations down. New hospitalizations down.
- Lives lost on May 22: 84. 62 in hospitals / 22 in nursing homes.

#### **REOPENING:**

- Mid-Hudson: only open issue is training tracers, last criteria to be met.
  - Training online. If people are trained over Memorial Day weekend, they can reopen Tues.
- Long Island: could open by Wednesday.

#### **TESTING:**

- Gov refers to CNN news article: CDC estimates 35% of COVID patients don't have symptoms.
- Announcing new testing partnership w/ AdvantageCare health. 15 new testing sites downstate.

#### **Q&A:**

#### **NURSING HOMES:**

- DeRosa mentions the federal policy that homes should admit patients from hospitals where COVID is present.
- Governor reiterates his position that he's not interested in the politics, but notes that it's a political season, and that the issue is politicized.
- Gov - "NY followed what the Republican administration" directed. "Don't criticize the state for following the President's policy."

#### **PHASE 2 OPENINGS:**

- 2 weeks, rule of thumb, but not a hard and fast number. Gov: We're watching the numbers. Accelerations are possible.
- Gov: Phase 2 in more of a judgment call.

#### **EXEC ORDER ON GATHERINGS:**

- Gov: it's a CDC guideline, and it shouldn't affect COVID transmission. "It depends on how people act."

#### **OUTSIDE STATE TRAVELER RISKS:**

- Gov states that NY will not quarantine travelers to the state.
- Closing borders to foreigners is federal role. Questions legality of interstate border closure actions by states.

At the close of the briefing, the Governor announced his intention to answer further questions tomorrow (Sunday). No guidance on timing.