

5.26.20 Notes from the Governor's Briefing:

- Hospitalizations down, net change down, intubations down. New COVID cases in hospitals down.
- Lives lost on May 26th: 73 - 52 in hospitals, 21 in nursing homes

Reopening:

- New York Stock Exchange reopened
- Monitor the Reopenings
 - Mid-Hudson Region opens today
 - Long Island opens tomorrow
 - Regional Control Groups monitor and respond to the numbers
 - NYC is not ready to reopen
 - Focus on data to get NYC reopened
 - Focus on neighborhoods within NYC that are suffering the most
- Reiterates Statewide Citizen Responsibility
 - Wash hands
 - Social Distance
 - Use Hand Sanitizer
 - Wear a Mask
- Supercharge Reopening
 - Gov believes the economy bounces back differently
 - Top end will be fine
 - American workers and small businesses will be hurt
 - Government can stimulate the economy
 - Provides examples
 - Hoover Dam
 - Lincoln Tunnel
 - Overseas Highway
 - Have major infrastructure work to do that is long overdue
 - NOW IS THE TIME TO BUILD
 - Will fast-track new Empire Station at Penn
 - Construction of new LaGuardia airport
 - Increase renewable power Downstate
 - Expedite power cable from Canada to NYC
 - Other projects can be done with help from feds
 - New LaGuardia Air Train
 - Cross-Hudson Tunnels
 - Second Avenue Subway Extension
 - Gov will travel to DC tomorrow to meet with President
- #WearAMask NY PSA Contest winner announced
 - State will run 1st and 2nd place ads

Q&A:

Financial Situation for State and NYC:

- Asked about legislation allowing NYC to borrow \$7 billion and whether raising taxes on the wealthy was an option
- Gov: Federal government needs to step up and provide state and local aid
- Reiterates without funding from feds the state will have a financial problem
- Gov says Borrowing for operating expenses "fiscally questionable"
- Asked if federal funding was anticipated and how that would change the budget
- Gov says that amount of federal funding will determine whether or not cuts are made
- Gov also stressed the importance of repealing SALT

MTA:

- Asked if resources were misused disinfecting subway now that CDC information on surface transmission has changed
- Gov says virus can still transmit via surfaces and reiterates need to clean subways
- Gov reiterates fact that subways are cleaner than they ever have been and adds that they are also helping more homeless people than before

- Asked about situation where someone rides subway without mask
- Gov says people should encourage others to wear mask

- Asked about when overnight subway service will reopen
- Gov does not provide date - reiterates need to look at data

- Asked about Stock Exchange guidelines that suggests employees avoid subway and whether it's safe to ride the subway
- Gov reiterates cleanliness of the subway due and says you need public transportation to fully open economy

Concern About 2nd Wave:

- Asked if the state has developed a plan for a second wave
- Gov says the reopening plan is designed to anticipate 2nd wave
 - Speaks about hospital capacity, PPE stockpiles, testing capacity