

5.27.20 Notes from the Governor's Briefing:

- Hospitalizations, Net change in intubations, and number of new cases are all down.
- Deaths 5/26: 74. 48 hospitals, 26 nursing homes.

REOPENING:

- Gov wants to reopen the economy in a way that makes it stronger than ever before.
- 9 regions already in Phase I of reopening.
- Reiterated need for Federal funding to drive state economies and assist in national recovery.
- Gov says states most impacted by COVID-19 represent more than 1/3 of national GDP.
- WSJ article claimed cuts cost the overall economy \$1.50 to \$2.00 per cut.

PARTISANSHIP:

- Gov reiterates argument against parity in light of the pandemic, calling it "an ugly, un-American response."
- Again mentioned SALT deductions, claiming some federal leaders are against redistribution of wealth unless it benefits them.
- Gov requested federal gov't stop "abusing" top COVID and SALT states.
- Gov's message to Washington: do the right thing, pass a bill that helps all Americans.

OTHER:

- Gov says this is a time for a real public infrastructure program to improve bridges and roads, claims it will "supercharge" reopening. Needs federal approval for some projects in NY.

Q&A:

CONVERSATION WITH THE PRESIDENT:

- Gov said he requested objective conversations with the President and has avoided political statements in their meetings. Explained today's conversation focused on receiving federal approval for numerous projects, such as the creation of new tunnels for Amtrak access to the Northeast and more.
- Says Trusted Traveler program was not spoken of in their conversation. DeRosa added that those applying for the program were addressed in state budget and federal gov't now has access to desired information, meaning there should be no more delays.
- Gov believes the President is not focused on party politics, but rather wants to focus on stimulating and regaining the national economy.

PARTISANSHIP:

- Gov says he "knows what Republican Senators are saying," arguing they do not believe in redistribution of wealth unless it benefits them directly.
- Told Congress members to not return to their states until they guarantee funding for their state and localities.

NURSING HOMES:

- Gov spoke on previous comments made placing blame for nursing home deaths on the federal gov't, explained that NYSDOH followed CDC guidelines set by a Republican administration and argued NY did better than 33 states on homes.
- On accusals of not following all CDC guidelines, DeRosa and Gov argued against the point.