

5.28.20 Notes from the Governor's Briefing:

- Total hospitalizations and intubations is down
- 163 new COVID cases as of yesterday
- 74 lives lost yesterday (52 in hospitals, 22 in nursing homes)

Governor's Opinion:

- I understand what states and Governors must do, but what is Washington going to do?
- We need legislation to help police officers, firefighters, teachers, and hospitals and local government funding
- No pork barrel legislation
- Analysis from May 4 shows that NYS only received about \$24K per positive COVID case, compared to Kentucky who received about \$338K per positive case
- Washington needs to revitalize the economy and plan a vision for the future, not just reopen it
- Governor reiterated that corporations that accept federal aid, must rehire the same amount employees that were fired
- Washington must create jobs by rebuilding America by building infrastructure and improving other areas
- Governor reiterated the need to stop being divided by party

Reopening NYC:

- Governor noted that state rules and metrics to reopen NYC are the same for all other regions
- Contact Tracing needs to be worked on before reopening
- For NYC to reopen MTA must be up to standards
 - This week, MTA is piloting use of UV light technology to kill virus in subway cars and crew facilities
- Focus on troubled areas
 - More cases are coming from outer-borough, minority, lower income communities with people who are currently unemployed
 - Healthcare inequality must be addressed
 - NYS is partnering with Northwell Health to bring more healthcare services to impacted communities
- There are more than 225 testing sites in NYC, but many are being underused
- 1M masks will be delivered to hard hit communities
- Executive order will be signed today authorizing businesses to deny entry to those who do not wear face mask or coverings
- We need more communication/education on availability and importance of testing/healthcare and social distancing
- The Need for Masks
 - Appearances from Chris Rock and Rosie Perez encouraged listeners to support and protect one another by wearing a mask because not wearing one is not okay and disrespectful to essential workers.

Q&A:

Federal Aid:

- Governor stated that borrowing for operating expenses is a risky proposition and must be done with caution
- Governor stated that expenses are being reduced across the board in the event the federal government does not provide sufficient funds
- According to DeRosa, the state will realize a savings through a hiring freeze, a voluntary pay increase deferment from unionized labor as well as from management confidential employees

Testing & PPE:

- According to the Governor, guidance on testing can be found online
- Governor clarified that executive order gives business owners the right to deny a patron entry if a mask or face covering is not worn

- Perez commended today's executive order stating that it will help decrease instances in which conflict/anxiety occurs due to some customers not wearing masks
- According to DeRosa, only 10 states are currently providing probable and confirmed death data

Misc:

- Governor stated that he would view the Floyd case involving police brutality as criminal
- Chris Rock and Rosie Perez will be running an ad to communicate the need for testing and PPE as part of our social responsibility