

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

### Data:

- Hospitalizations and intubations are down
- 152 new COVID cases as of yesterday
- 67 deaths yesterday (46 in hospitals, 21 in nursing homes)

### Reopening:

- NY was hit the hardest, but we're reopening smarter
  - We test more than other states and must continue to test and trace
  - A new dashboard is available showing the severity of the virus, measures being taken in each region, and other information
- Governor stated that he feels confident relying on data provided by experts
- 5 regions will now begin entering Phase 2
  - All office based jobs:
    - Professional services
    - Administrative support
    - Information Technology
  - Retail:
    - In-store shopping
    - Rental, repair, and cleaning
    - Barbershops and hair salons (limited services)
    - Motor vehicle leasing, rental, and sales
  - Real estate services
    - Building and property management
    - Leasing, rental, and sales services
- NYC is on track to meet reopening metrics by June 8
  - Must work on the following:
    - Hospital capacity remains below 70% and establishing PPE stockpile
    - Testing/contact tracing being
    - MTA preparing for reopening
    - Focusing on hotspots by ZIP code
  - 400K workers will be returning to work in Phase 1

### Virtual Appearance from Mayor de Blasio:

- De Blasio thanked the Governor for his efforts during this pandemic and reiterated the need to use PPE
- De Blasio noted that NYC aims to be below 15% of positive COVID tests, only 5% tested positive
- The Mayor stated that of the 375 threshold of COVID patients, 40 are able to be moved to another facility for treatment
- A hotline will be utilized for business owners to have questions answered

### Racial Inequality/Police Brutality:

- Governor offered thoughts and prayers to the family of George Floyd
- This is not an isolated incident, it is a "continuum of situations and incidents that have been happening for decades."
  - These are just chapters of a book on racial inequality in America
- The Governor named numerous victims of racial inequality noting the reason for the anger being felt by many due to continuing injustice
- The demand is for justice
- Governor shared his support for the protesters saying any well-meaning person would support them too

### Q&A

#### Travel:

- In response to a question regarding public transit, the Governor stated that the public transportation system will be operating and would not be open if it was not safe

- There will be MTA personnel working to limit amounts of people on trains
- Mujica reiterated the executive order requiring masks on public transportation and CDC information on the COVID illness not being highly transmissible via surfaces
  - Buses and trains will be cleaner and safer than they were at the start of this pandemic
  - There are not strict limits on the amount of people allowed on a train car, but riders will be suggest to use other cars, socially distance, or wait for the next arriving train

#### Workplace:

- The Governor noted his surprise at employers responsiveness to the workplace reopening as shifts are staggered, supplies are provided, and other measures are taken

#### Reopening:

- Governor expressed his concern for hotspots and reiterated the need to focus on those areas
- In response to a comment regarding a delay to the Governor's announcement, he stated that he wanted to be able to have information provided by experts
- According to Mujica, restaurants are being reviewed to determine if outdoor dining is the same as a restaurant
  - The governor continued, noting that outdoor dining in NYC is different from outdoor dining in Albany

#### Racial Inequality/Police Brutality:

- In response to a question on the safety of those in areas with protests the Governor again stated his support for protesters
  - He continued, saying this has been going on since Rodney King and there have been many incidents since. Enough is enough.