5.3.20 Notes from the Governor's Briefing:

- Day 64...
- Hospitalizations down again: 9,786
- Intubations down
- New hospitalization cases, 789, also down, but may be a weekend anomaly.
- 280 lives lost yesterday: 251 hospitals / 29 nursing homes.

LEARN THE LESSONS:
- Second wave? Virus mutation?
- Macro questions:
  - What happened in China?
  - How did it transfer from China to US?
  - What could we have done differently?
  - What should we do next time? Gov: "I would assume there's a next time."
- CDC report form May 1: Virus strains in NY Metro area came from Europe and other US regions.
  - Feb: 139,305 travelers from Italy to NY Metro area.
  - Feb: 1.74 million from all European countries.
- Gov referring to delay in travel bans from European travelers.
- "Today we must consider an outbreak anywhere is an outbreak everywhere," A.J. Parkinson

Hospital system: Capacity / Equipment / System Management?
- NYC: 12 public / 44 private
- Statewide: 20 public / 176 private
- Point Gov is making is need to bring all hospitals into a unified, cohesive and cooperative system. Echoing state’s "surge and flex" policy amongst hospitals.
- Going forward: DOH will require each hospital to have a 90-day supply of PPE
  at rate of COVID-19 usage.

Procurement: Gov referring back to statements on competition between states and federal government as an inefficient and ineffective method, which drove up prices.
- NYS spent $2B on supplies this year.
- Northeast consortium: will purchase about $5B in supplies (PPE, tests, ventilators, and other equipment).
  - NY, PA, NJ, DE, CT, RI, MA.
  - Will seek to buy American, and in-state suppliers to meet demand over next three months. Gov describes it as an economic opportunity.
  - "Will do it in coordination with the Federal Government."
- Gov Murphy (NJ) / Gov Lamont (CT) / Gov Wolf (PA) / Gov Carney (DE) joined.
  - All Governors spoke in support of the consortium, and praised cooperative relationship between each other.
- Gov reiterating request for citizens to wear a mask as a means to helping first- responders and healthcare workers. Gov describes it as a social responsibility. Also describes lack of wearing a mask as disrespectful.

Q&A:

VIRUS STRAINS:
- Gov has heard that NYS/NYC strain is more virulent.
- No one was screening people from Europe for a long while.
- DeRosa: 3/16 was total Europe travel ban. China was end of January. CDC was testing a select few, but other demographics were not checked. "In retrospect, what did they think was going to happen?"

ROAD TO RECOVERY:
- Plan as gut instinct vs. data: Gov states it'll be driven as a science, "do it by the numbers."
- The science of it is developing a formula that each region can "plug" numbers into. The art form: "bring an educated gut to it... plus, stick to the science."
- Gov says his gut warns against false comfort provided by numbers going down combined with warmer weather and boredom.
- Rethink globalization policies? Gov placed aside "globalization", but reiterated the dependency on China is a national security issue.
- Return to subway service? Gov states regular subway service will resume when the pandemic ends. Gov mentions that the virus lives longest on stainless steel, and adds that the poles and railings are stainless steel. "We have to be able to say that our public transit system is safe, and that it's clean."

ENFORCEMENT:
- Beaches, parks, etc., are they safe enough to linger if people are wearing masks? Gov states that the safety is dependent upon how everyone conducts themselves.
- NYC "has made a real effort." Gov states that he's urged all heads of localities to enforce the order.
- Is a few dozen summons enough? Gov asks rhetorically: "will you ever get 19M people to comply?" Gov reiterates providing the facts of the situation, and people voluntarily complying is the best approach.

MULTISTATE CONSORTIUM:
- Is it a response to a lack of confidence in the Fed Gov't? Gov states that the Feds made it clear that it's up to the Governors, so this is the effort, but that they will gladly accept help offered from the Feds.