5.7.20 Notes from the Governor’s Briefing:

- Total hospitalizations down to ~8,600. Net change also down.
- Intubations are down.
- Number of new cases relatively flat (607). Gov says this has been a slow downturn.
- Deaths since May 6: 231. 191 in hospitals, 40 in nursing homes.
- Top priority is protecting essential workers. Gov honors their courage and efforts to take care of society.

TESTING:

- Have been "aggressively" testing essential workers: 25 downstate healthcare facilities, over 27k employees.
- Found 12% of NYC healthcare workers tested positive (slightly lower than general population, 19.9%).
- Shows that masks, gloves, and sanitizer have worked.

NOURISH NY:

- Gov said many farms have been particularly impacted by COVID-19, facing waste and financial loss.
- Launched $25 million Nourish NY Initiative (funds 50 food banks). Wants to continue this, urged philanthropies/foundations to help.
  - Contact covidphilanthropies@exec.ny.gov
  - 20,000 households will receive Nourish NY products within the next week.

RENT:

- Moratorium on evictions through June.
- Today will be banning any late payment fees and allowing people to use their security deposit as a payment. Security deposits will have to be repaid "over a period of time."
- Will be extending moratorium an additional 60 days (August 20).

REOPENING:

- Need to prioritize public health over the economy. No doubts that we will reopen, Gov just wants to do so safely.
- Gov says leaders making decisions should be willing to participate in anything they authorize.
- Reiterated that decisions must be made based on facts and data.

Q&A:

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

- PAUSE to expire May 15, then will look at different regions to see where to begin reopening. Economy will be starting at this point.
- Gov wants to ensure the most vulnerable and financially needy are protected.
He attributed moratorium on evictions, funding food banks, and more as relief efforts. Hopes extension of moratorium can ease the anxieties of many.
-Gov is working on relief from the banks for landlords, as well as relief for banks themselves. However, prioritizing protecting families from being evicted.

OTHER:

- On a question regarding individuals moving outside of the city due to high anxieties, Gov argued COVID-19 does not stay within city limits and has existed in suburbs (Westchester). Explained that NY cases originated from Europe and the lack of restrictions led to an outbreak.
- Have overflow facilities all across the state to take nursing home residents that cannot be cared for.