

## 6.11.20 Notes from the Governor's Briefing:

- Day 103 of COVID crisis
- Day 18 of civil unrest

### Police Reform:

- "NY is the progressive capital of the United States" as we lead police reform
- Governor applauded legislature for moving as quickly as they did

### Reopening:

- We must pay attention to daily testing as hospitalization rates will be about 2 weeks behind
  - Monitor testing results by region and county
- Hospitalizations are down
- 36 deaths as of yesterday (32 in hospitals, 4 in nursing homes)
- Five regions enter phase 3 tomorrow
  - Restaurants/food services (Indoor and outdoor)
  - Personal care services (Nail salons, message parlors)
- "Short term gain isn't worth long term pain."
- As we enter summer season, localities are allowed to open public pools and playgrounds using their judgement while following state guidance
- Governor stated COVID is increasing in 21 states, noting spikes in California, Florida, Texas, and Arizona.
  - Reopening has been successful in NYS, due to phased reopening measures and the efforts taken by New Yorkers
  - We are a more-dense state with more crowding, so we must exercise more caution
- The effect protests have had on COVID has not yet been determined

### Q&A

### Reopening:

- In response to a question regarding visitors in nursing homes, the Governor stated that not being able to see a loved one is "better than death". He continued stating that when the DOH gives the okay, then visitors will be allowed again
- DeRosa stated that it was understood that special education students have difficulty with distance learning so it was agreed that they would be able to have summer school in person at the discretion of localities

### Police Reform/Protests:

- In answer to a question on demilitarizing police, Cuomo stated that this is a moment for reform, but it must be done correctly
- In regards to discipline for officers not wearing masks at protests, the Governor stated that it's up to local police departments, however his recommendation is to wear a mask
- When asked is he was comfortable saying "Black Lives Matter", the Governor said, "of course they matter, all lives matter." He continued stating that we must continue to examine the systemic racism and find a solution
- In response to a question about the removal of the Christopher Columbus statue, the governor stated that the statue has come to represent Italian-American contributions.