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COVID:

- 0.61% positivity rate statewide
- 71,019 Test Results Reported
- 1,007 Statewide Hospitalizations (-25)
- 252 Statewide ICU (-3)
- 136 Statewide Intubations (-2)
- 11 Statewide Deaths
- NYS has the lowest weekly positivity rate in the nation

Positivity Rate by Region:

- Finger Lakes: 1.46%
- Central NY: 1.30%
- Western NY: 0.92%
- Capital Region: 0.78%
- Mohawk Valley: 0.83%
- Mid Hudson: 0.58%
- Long Island: 0.59%
- NYC: 0.50%
- Southern Tier: 0.56%

- Manhattan: 0.35%
- Bronx: 0.57%
- Queens: 0.52%
- Brooklyn 0.49%
- Staten Island 0.71%

Vaccinations:

- 19 million total doses statewide
- 65.5% of 18+ at least one dose statewide
- 57.3 of 18+ fully vaccinated statewide
- focus now is to vaccinate 12-17 year olds
- Gov. said 45,883 young adults got their first shot since the state first announced the "Get a Shot to Make Your Future" scholarship raffle
- First winners of the scholarship were announced this week
- Gov. reminded that the raffle runs through July 7th

Economy:

- Radio City Music Hall is at 100% capacity for fully vaccinated people
- Mets home games at City Field will increase to over 90% capacity starting Friday, June 11 for vaccinated people, 10% for unvaccinated people
- Gov. said NYS is announcing to domestic and international tourists that NY has it all, and urged people to "Explore New York State"

Announcement:

- Javits Center is reopening with a 1.2 million square-foot expansion
- Javits center is hosting the NY international Auto Show August 20-29
- Tickets for the Auto Show go on sale June 30
- Gov. said the goal is to have 1 million visitors at the Auto Show over 9 days

- Gov. announced the unveiling of an "I Heart NY" international tourism advertising campaign
- Phase one of the campaign includes investment of \$5 million in tourism advertising

Q&A:

On whether bail laws needs to be revisited following the attack of a woman on the streets in ChinaTown

- Gov. said crime in NYC is a major problem, people need to feel safe, and trust needs to be restored between police and residents
- Gov. said safety is the responsibility of cities
- Gov. said discussion on bail reform is important and details will be important to iron out to promote safety
- Gov. said a discussion on crime should be a large part of the NYC mayoral race

On whether districts across the state will be giving out vaccines in schools and whether mask mandates will be lifted for students soon:

- Gov. said school districts will decide whether or not to give out vaccines in schools but said it is a smart idea
- Gov. said the state will continue to follow CDC guidance on mask mandates but said the state is in talks with the CDC about lifting mandates for students when they are outside

On whether the Governor has used any campaign money to pay for legal expenses in ongoing investigations:

- Gov. said the executive chamber has retained counsel at the state's expense as has been done in all previous investigations

On whether the Governor will be watching the mayoral debate and whether he has a preferred candidate:

- Gov. joked that the debate is on at the same time as the Knicks game but said he would keep up with the debate
- Gov. said he does not have a favorite candidate right now but said that NYC really needs a strong leader right now

On details of the cyber attack against the MTA:

- Gov. said he will not provide any further details than what have already been released

On Governor's position on Bail Reform Bills:

- Gov. said that bail reform bills should consider the merits of individuals and he is going to have to wait and see how the details of each bill play out

On whether the Governor thinks the federal government will start requiring proof of vaccine for international travel into the country and how this will impact the Governor's push for increased tourism to the state:

- Gov. said NY welcomes international tourists and said there are currently no limits to come to New York
- Gov. said he hasn't heard of any definitive limitations on travel but said if limits are put in place then the State will respond
- Gov. said the state needs and welcomes tourism right now
- Gov. also said he expects an increase in domestic travel to the state