COVID:

-Day 100 since first case in NY
-NYC beginning reopening today
-Gov. said he is "proud" of how NYers have handled the pandemic, and thanks them and essential workers -Gov. cited the strain on his own team, and called attention to their work and that of journalists

PROTESTS:

-Day 15 of civil unrest after Floyd death -Mostly peaceful protests now -Discussed his "Say Their Name" reform agenda -Gov. stated transparency of disciplinary records for police is no different than other public employees -Gov. said he will sign reform bills as soon as they are passed by the legislature, thanked Senate Majority Leader Stewart-Cousins and Speaker Heastie -Gov. again called for a federal reform agenda to address systemic injustice in housing, healthcare, education, and poverty

REOPENING:

-Testing shows 1.2% positive cases - lowest since March 16th -Gov. said 58,000 tests conducted yesterday -Westchester, Rockland counties enter Phase II tomorrow -Long Island to enter Phase II on Wednesday -NYC entering Phase I today -Phase I guidelines - construction, manufacturing, curbside pickup, in-store when necessary and pre-arranged -Will monitor NYC closely to watch for any increase in infection rate
-35,000 tests per day will be conducted -Gov. called on protesters to get tested -Focusing on hotspot areas in NYC, some communities a 50% infection rate, increasing testing for these areas
-14 new testing sites at churches for residents in these zip codes -To find testing sites: coronavirus.health.ny.gov -Gov. said he is extending tax filing deadline by 90 days to help financial impact on small businesses -Starting elective surgery and ambulatory services in NYC

MTA:

-MTA reopening - deploying masks, sanitizer -Gov. reminded masks are mandatory on subways and buses -Announced MTA launching "It's Up to Us, New York" campaign to remind NYers to do their part and stay safe -MTA accelerated several construction projects to take advantage of reduced ridership during the pandemic -Gov. noted cases are increasing across the country in states that opened too soon, reminded residents to stay disciplined

Q&A:

-Asked about potential for spike due to reopening subway, despite efforts to sanitize -Gov. stated subway has been open this whole time. Avoiding a spike is dependent on NYers continuing to comply with recommended behaviors
-Follow up question on lack of social distancing on subways -Gov. stated if masks and sanitizer are utilized, they do not expect a spike to occur. However, Gov. said protests are a concern, which is why they recommend tests for protesters
-Asked whether NYPD should be doing internal reforms -Gov. stated that mayors are in charge of police departments, but said this is "a transformation across the country" and he thinks mayors are "getting the message". Gov. again noted the importance of federal reforms
-Asked if police unions are hindering reform -Gov. stated unions are meant to argue for the interests of their members, but noted that reform is not meant to be punitive but is reducing a disparity in transparency between police and other public employees
-Follow up question on the role of other unions across the country -Gov. discussed the importance of unions, as they bring the perspective of the police to the table. Gov. said decisions should be made taking all perspectives into account
-Asked if recommendations for protesters to get tested also apply to police at protests -Gov. stated police are getting tested, and as essential workers, are being prioritized for testing. Gov. added police should be wearing masks
- Asked about getting NYC back to where it was, citing boarded-up store fronts - Gov. said boarded-up store fronts are a result of one "terrible night of looting", combined with COVID. Gov. stated this hasn't happened again since, protests have been mostly peaceful

- Asked about a change in his opinion to repeal 50-a - Gov. said he previously said there is no need to change 50-a, as it does not make the release of records illegal. Gov. said since it is clear that records are not going to be released, 50-a should be reformed

- Asked about when he was going to send the mayor’s MTA board nominees - Gov. said as soon as Senate starts taking up confirmations, he’ll send them

- Asked if Mayor de Blasio doing enough to reopen city and honor MTA requests - Gov. said MTA requested 60 miles of bus lanes, clear disparity between mayor and MTA - Janno Lieber, Chief Development Officer of MTA, also present, added that while 20 miles is a start, the MTA requested 60 miles for a reason. He stated they want to assist in getting the economy back but also respect social distancing

- Asked for an update on congestion pricing plan - Gov. said federal government has yet to approve congestion pricing plan, and said he does not believe there is a valid reason not to. Both MTA and Gov. have discussed with federal government