6.9.20 Notes from the Governor’s Briefing:

- 101 days since first COVID case in NY
- Day 16 of civil unrest

NYS Police Reform:
- NYS Will Pass Aggressive Reform
  - Transparency of disciplinary records with repeal of 50-A
  - Banning of chokeholds
  - Attorney General as a special prosecutor
  - False race-based 911 reports prohibited
- Gov. applauded Legislature for beginning to pass reforms yesterday
  - Gov. stated he will sign these into law, hopefully this week

Opinion:
- This is not just a moment for political protests - but for real reform
- The Justice Agenda aims to fight racial injustice in our society
  - Education equity
    - Governor stated that not all children are educated equally with only $13K being spent per student in poorer districts
  - Child poverty
  - Affordable housing
    - Housing is a federal responsibility, noting the 1949 Housing Act
  - Criminal Justice Reform
    - Governor questioned why there is such a racial disparity in the criminal justice system
  - The Justice Agenda should be tackled on the federal level because it is a national issue
- Governor discussed Trump's tweet regarding the elderly man that was pushed to the ground by a police officer in Buffalo
  - Governor expressed frustration at the idea that Trump would even think that event was staged

- To Local Elected/Police
  - "This is a real issue and is not going away because it has been brewing for centuries in this nation."
  - There must be trust between police and community it serve

Reopening:
- Westchester/Rockland/Hudson Valley reopening today
- "NY had the worst situation and we handled it the best."
- As we continue to reopen, Metro-North is taking steps to be safe
  - Deploying 500K masks and 10K gallons and 100K 2oz bottles of hand sanitizer
  - Masks are mandatory when riding on public transportation systems
  - Stay six feet apart when possible
  - Observe decal guidance
- Long Island will enter Phase II tomorrow
  - LIRR has made great progress
- NYC reopened yesterday
  - 19.9% positive cases in all of NYC
- NYS Testing Network
  - 800+ testing sits in NY
  - Governor was joined via webcast by Sean Penn, CORE Co-Founder & Chairperson of the Board for helping to establish new testing sites in harder hit areas
    - Penn expressed excitement at the partnership, and thanked New Yorkers for their efforts in flattening the curve
- There must be a new focus on day-to-day viral spread upon reopening, especially with protests
- Daily testing will be biggest indicator of progress reiterating that 50K are administered daily.
- There is a new dashboard with greater citizen focus showing the percentage of positive tests per day by region and county.
- Dashboard must be monitored for any spikes.
- Governor stressed the need to be smart, citing a Wall Street Journal article on COVID cases accelerating in more than a dozen states.

George Floyd:
- Governor wished the family of George Floyd peace as they have his memorial service today.

Q&A:

Civil Justice & Reform:
- In response to a question on justice and reform, the Governor stated that there is inertia across the nation.
  - Governor looked back to the Sandy Hook shooting noting that that event sparked real gun reform.
  - Governor stressed that the police department could not be successful without trust from the public.

Dashboard/Reopening:
- In response to a question on what percentage increase is considered a spike, Governor stated that, "it depends".
  - If those who tested positive can be traced back to one event/workplace then it is considered a hotspot not a spike.
  - Governor continued stating that if a specific connection cannot be found then it is a spike.
  - Dr. Zucker added that the rate of transmission is also taken into consideration and that as total number of cases drop it will make the percentage of higher cases seem higher.
- Governor stated that two weeks would be the time frame for the next phase of reopening in response to the time frame of phase 3.

Federal Government:
- Governor stated that he has faith in the federal government to not turn their back on state and local governments in terms of funding.