

7.27.20 Notes from the Governor's Briefing:

- Day 149 of COVID
- 57,000 tests yesterday, 608 positive, 1% positive rate
- 11 lives lost yesterday
- 642 hospitalizations
- National increase, lack of compliance needs to be watched
- Gov. said NY "not out of the woods" until virus contained nationally and globally
- Kawasaki Syndrome in children - number of cases in NY up slightly to 240, number of cases increasing in other states

REOPENING:

- Yesterday, 27 establishments were issued violations
- 52 violations issued on Friday, 53 on Saturday
- However, Gov. stated most establishments are compliant

PPE MANUFACTURING:

- Gov. stressed the need to better prepare for public health crises in the future, specifically at the federal level
- ESD has identified 20 companies the state will invest in to increase manufacturing capacity of PPE
- Those companies will need to make that PPE available to the state if needed in the future
- Gov. encouraged companies with the capability to manufacture PPE to submit proposals to ESD

Q&A:

- Asked about establishment violations and why these are more prevalent in NYC
- Gov. said the level of compliance efforts is variable. Enforcement is more aggressive upstate

- Asked about reports of bill from U.S. Senate that does not include aid for state and local governments
- Gov. called this "devastating news for the entire country"
- Gov. said it is "documented" that economic recovery will not occur without aid to local governments

- Asked if restaurant/bar violations were fines or license suspensions
- Gov. said some licenses were suspended and establishments closed, primarily in NYC
- So far, 40 suspensions issued overall, 10 issued since Friday

- Asked about Financial Control Board. Three appointees were approved by Senate last week. Will the state need to take a more active role in steadying the NYC's finances
- Gov. stated whenever local governments need assistance, state is required to provide assistance
- Gov. cited need for NYC to be "realistic" in its revenue forecast, more scrutiny will be needed in the coming years
- Mujica added that there is an annual control board meeting next month, the prior year's budget will be reviewed. Next year will be critical and control board will make recommendation as to level of oversight needed in NYC
- Mujica stated there are objective standards required by statute to trigger control board's recommendations