

7.28.20 Notes from the Governor's Briefing:

- "Numbers are very good".
- Day 150.
- 57k tests yesterday, .93% positive.
- 9 passed away (no breakdown for hospital vs. nursing home).
- 648 hospitalized.
- 81 intubations: lowest since 3/15,

- Now 34 states on list. IL KY MN TN added. Territories added: DC & PR.
- On Executive Order compliance: "I once again appeal to the local governments to do their job."
- DOH will investigate Town of Southampton permitting for large concert. Gov described the event as "out of control". Reports on behavior in the village of Southampton that violate Public Health orders.
- SLA teamed w/ NYS Police to enforce Public Health orders. 26 last night, primarily in NYC. "That will continue."

US SENATE COVID LEGISLATION:

- "Does NY no benefit." "We don't have money unspent, we need additional funding."
- "This is going to determine people's property taxes." Mentions SALT repeal, need for state aid which, in turn effects state aid distribution to school districts.
- Also mentions needed aid to LIRR and MTA to avoid fare increases.
- Also mentions needed aid to the Port Authority in order to continue work on LaGuardia / JFK.
- "I want New Yorkers to understand the consequences..." and to hold federal reps responsible.
- Rallies on point that aid for states is aid for economy. "State aid helps the economy."
- Calls out federal Republican reps for their "silence".
- "There is no state budget this year. There is a Federal Budget... They're making these determinations."

MLB CHALLENGES:

- Good for the economy, good for the psyche. But challenges w/ COVID arise.
- Suggestion: Governor offers up NYS fields for any team that wants to play.
- "Come play here". Offers to set up health protocols, including quarantining and testing. "We have the ability to do it."