

7.30.20 Notes from the Governor's Briefing:

Day 151 of COVID

73,000 tests yesterday, 777 positive, 1.06% positive rate

13 lives lost yesterday

586 hospitalizations

142 patients in ICU, 72 intubations due to COVID

REOPENING:

- Gov stressed the importance of enforcement and avoiding packed bars
- Gov says NYC economic situation "is murky"
- Gov will postpone the environmental projects bond until next year
- Gov is making \$30 million available to counties to set up flu vaccine accommodations.

FEDERAL:

- Federal government is considering law that would allow people to pay taxes from their home jurisdiction.
- Gov says this would have a negative effect on NY
- Gov will send Northwell and DOH personnel to Utah starting Sunday

Q&A:

- Will NJ be added to the travel quarantine list?
 - Blockades will not happen and "fingers crossed" quarantine will not apply to NJ.

 - Is there a plan to bring businesses back to NYC?
 - Working from home and worries over public transportation will provide challenges to businesses.
 - Large institutions like Broadway and other attractions will not immediately reopen.
 - We're "working our way through it," and it will take an affirmative effort.

 - Opinion on the President suggesting to postpone the election?
 - Gov said the President has no authority to do that, it would take an act of Congress.

 - Why is it taking so long to count absentee ballots?
 - Systems were not ready but were forced to move forward due to COVID.
 - DeRosa: NY had a unique issue due to constitutional limits. BOE had to do two separate mailings and the USPS was delayed.

 - Why do casinos remain closed while malls can open?
 - Casinos are not as essential and are at a higher risk of non-compliance.
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