

8.6.20 Notes from the Governor's Briefing:

- Day 159
- 72,000 tests conducted yesterday, 0.9% positive rate
- 3 lives lost on 8/5
- 576 hospitalizations
- 132 ICU patients
- 69 intubations
- NY numbers "very good", despite spread nationally
- Gov. stated "protecting progress" requires enforcing compliance with quarantine and other safety protocols
- Gov. again called for local governments to step up local enforcement of compliance
- SLA, State Police continuing to issue violations, 26 issued yesterday

STORM DAMAGE:

- 549,000 without power from storm
- Gov. asked Public Service Commission to conduct investigation into delays in restoration
- Gov: Utility companies "must perform"
- 7,000 emergency workers supplementing utility companies, which Gov. stated is an expense to the state

AG SUIT:

- AG James filing suit against NRA over tax status
- NPOs are tax-payer subsidized
- Gov. stated NYS is "somewhat lax" on number of NPOs in the state
- Gov. stated NPOs cannot be political organizations or refuse to disclose financial information

SCHOOLS:

- Gov. stated transmission rate will dictate reopening - if rate increases, schools will close
- Infection rate differs throughout the state, decisions may vary
- Gov. stated parents will ultimately make the decision if they will send their child back to school
- Gov. urging school districts to consult parents and teachers in decision-making

MISCELLANEOUS:

- Gov. named Chairman of National Governor's Association yesterday
- Gov. announced agenda yesterday: America's Recovery and Revival Agenda
- Gov. stated recovery of COVID will not take place until it's eradicated in all states
- Gov. again called on federal government to include state and local government in relief legislation
- \$30 billion needed for NYS for the next two years, \$12 billion for MTA, \$3 billion for Port Authority

Q&A:

- Asked about eviction moratorium
- De Rosa stated legislature passed bill that Gov. signed, now dictated by law
- Law states renters cannot be evicted until financial hardship related to COVID ceases
- Gov. added "covered crisis" continues until Gov. declares no longer in effect

- Asked about school reopenings and testing
- Gov. stated parents and teachers concerned over testing parameters
- Gov. stated each school district must handle these issues on an individual basis
- Gov. reiterated there will be a transmission threshold set for schools to abide by

- Asked about power outages in LI, Westchester, Manhattan
- Gov. reiterated investigation will be conducted into utility companies' response, National Guard assisting in response

- Asked about gyms, bowling alley reopenings
- Gov. stated gyms have been identified as sources of increased spread nationally
- Mujica added that this issue is looked at every day, state is reviewing plans from gyms across the state for limited use

- Asked whether schools reopenings will be considered on regional basis or statewide
- Gov. stated decisions will be based upon region

- Asked about protests on Long Island related to the continuance of remote learning
- Gov. stated "spectrum of opinions" from teachers and parents on reopening, reiterated school districts need to discuss their plans with parents and teachers