

9.21.20 Notes from the Governor's Briefing:

COVID:

- Day 205
- 58,000 tests conducted yesterday, 573 positive
- 0.98% infection rate
- 1 death on 9/20
- 458 hospitalizations
- 134 ICU patients
- 66 intubations
- SLA conducted 4,000 enforcement visits, found 18 violations

RBG:

- Gov. called passing of RBG "a tremendous loss for the nation"
- Announced a statue will be erected for her in Brooklyn
- Gov. stated he will announce a commission, is currently considering locations
- Brooklyn Bridge Park being considered
- Gov. called it the "worst thing the nation can do right now" to politicize filling the seat

FEDERAL:

- Gov. discussed President's attempt to control federal funding for "anarchist jurisdictions"
- Gov. stated President does not individually control federal funds, and the state will challenge him legally if needed
- Gov. reiterated policing is also within state's purview
- Gov. signed exec order over the weekend extending commercial eviction moratorium
- Gov. noted residential eviction moratorium remains in effect

Q&A:

- On NYC schools reopening in person next week:
 - Gov. said stability & predictability are important, plans should not keep changing
 - Gov. discussed dashboard going up for parents to monitor COVID information
- On COVID rates in Western NY:
 - Gov. discussed increased enforcement efforts
 - Currently at 1.6% infection rate, has been under 2% for a couple of weeks
- On issues with unemployment payments last week:
 - DeRosa stated there was an issue specifically with KeyBank payments, said Key has been "read the riot act" and the issue has been rectified
 - Anyone still experiencing issues should contact DOL
- On Gov.'s opinion on Trump withholding funding for NY, where Trump holds property
 - Gov. noted Trump no longer holds New York state residency for political reasons
 - Gov. stated similar tactics were used in regard to sanctuary cities, he believes President will lose in court again
- On County BOEs struggling to secure funding for upcoming election:
 - CARES funding helped expand mail-in voting, small amount remaining
 - Grants through other sources also being pursued
 - DeRosa added Gov.'s exec order mandated staffing plan for each county BOE, state will assist in locating resources where needed