**9.24.20 Notes from the Governor's Briefing**:

COVID-19 General:

- Day 208
- 500 hospitalizations
- 145 ICU patients
- 72 intubations
- 2 fatalities
- 1.02% infection rate
- Gov stresses the incompetence of the federal government in handling COVID and planning for a vaccine

Schools:

- DOH is hosting the COVID Report Card for school monitoring
- Website shows positive cases by date of students & staff and enrollment data
- https://schoolcovidreportcard.health.ny.gov/
- Rhodes: data is collected via laboratories and school surveys

Vaccines:

- Gov stresses that the vaccine is not a political issue
- DOH will head a Clinical Advisory Task Force for advice on the distribution, safety, and effectiveness of a federal vaccine
- Gov is appointing a vaccine distribution task force
- The vaccine plan will include a distribution network, data and IT infrastructure, public education, and procurement
- The goal is to be the first COVID free state
- Gov encourages NY to get vaccinated for the flu

Public Safety:

- Gov: "Breonna Taylor's death was murder."
- NYS Police Reform and Reinvention Collaborative: localities must pass legislation to reinvent public safety by April 1, 2021
- 146 jurisdictions have already taken steps to form committees
- In NYC, shootings with victims are up 103%

Q&A:

MTA Borrowing:

- Will the Gov let the City borrow funds?
- Gov: there is short term borrowing and long term borrowing
- Gov approves of short term borrowing but worries about the long term
- Without Feds, there will be "no constructive way" to close budget deficit
- When will the Gov appoint a Financial Control Board?
- Gov states it would be reckless to approve long term borrowing without a Financial Control Board
- Adds: this will only happen if Feds don't provide relief

Subway Shutdown:

- Late night commuters are concerned over subways shutting down to disinfect cars
- Gov: if it were possible to disinfect subways during the day, then why haven't they done it yet

Schools Reopening:

- Zucker: the dashboard will identify upticks in communities
- Individuals must quarantine for 14 days if they test positive for COVID-19

Crime Rate in NYC:

- How is it acceptable that NYC has not started a plan to fix their police department?
- "It is not acceptable"
- Gov reiterates trust is ruptured between the public and police
- Public safety has to change but "divorce is not an option"

COVID:

- What will close first if COVID rates go up?
- Gov insinuates that congregate settings will have to close but did not give specifics
- How risky are clusters?
- Zucker: we are putting out notices, having webinars, and balancing religious holidays with good public health practices
- Vaccine task force list; concerns over diversity on the list of appointees
- Gov stresses that this is a public health issue, not a political issue

Travel:

- How do you handle travel quarantines for international travellers?
- DeRosa: this is under the jurisdiction of the Feds
- The CDC has rolled back screening at airports