

9.3.20 Notes from the Governor's Briefing:

- Sept. 9th, casinos may open if enhanced air filtration system in place, 25% max occupancy, masks required, no table games or beverage service
- State Gaming Commission will monitor compliance
- Sept. 9th, malls in NYC can open at 50% capacity with air filtration in place, masks, no indoor dining
- SLA conducted 9,000 enforcement checks, found 7 violations in Brooklyn, Manhattan, Suffolk
- Many schools have testing protocols in place, DOH will set up online dashboard for teachers, parents to view testing results
- Letter going to school districts today: schools must send testing results daily to the state, information will be posted on dashboard
- Gov. discussed complications with enforcing safety compliance for indoor dining in NYC
- Gov. stated if NYPD can enforce compliance, then state will discuss allowing indoor dining, currently state does not have resources to further enforce compliance

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- CDC says vaccine will be available in November, which Gov. called "convenient"
- Gov. stated DOH will be reviewing any FDA, CDC guidance before state will implement
- Gov. called President Trump "an abysmal failure" in fighting COVID

Q&A:

- On casino reopenings:
 - Mujica stated physical barriers needed between players for table games, NYS Gaming Commission would have to approve
 - Slots need to be six feet apart or physical barrier needed
 - No indoor dining in NYC casinos
 - Gov. reiterated he is "open to suggestions" on how to implement indoor dining safely in NYC
- On Gov.'s opinion on western NY:
 - Gov. stated local governments need to increase enforcement, residents need to take virus more seriously
- On indoor dining restrictions, level of trust in New Yorkers to comply
 - Gov. stated New Yorkers have been "extraordinary" in compliance, but this issue is more about facilities' operations, ability to implement adequate safety protocols, enforce compliance
 - Gov. reiterated state has limited resources to enforce compliance at the capacity indoor dining would require