

Deaths: 630 (total 12,822)

COVID-19 Tracker Site: <https://covid19tracker.health.ny.gov>

- Hospitalizations down again
- Flattening and reducing slightly depending on point of view
- Net change in hospitalizations on decline
- Three-day average in on decline
- ICU admissions down
- Intubations is down (very good news)
- New Hospitalizations still about 2k per day (still very high), hovered at that date for several weeks
- 630 deaths (590 Hospitals, 40 Nursing Homes)-basically flat
- Where are we? Plan to Un-Pause NY
  - 12-18 months for vaccine
  - Maybe medical treatment in between, would totally change trajectory
  - In the meantime, incremental process, do no harm, control rate of infection
  - Surge/Flex: strengthen the healthcare system
  - Test/trace: need federal partnership,
  - Phased return: to the new normal
- Crisis response: to date, as numbers come down and people take comfort that we can control the beast, we did it by response to crisis, people of NY and the country flattened the curve
  - Phase 1: bring down infection rate (we did that), ramp up the hospital system, we are still in this phase, don't get cocky and arrogant
- Un-Pausing: Looking ahead, this situation is unsustainable
  - Phase 2: Plan re-opening (no one has done this before), must be cognizant of public health crisis you are still in, do no harm (very small margin of error), testing/tracking/isolating, stabilize states finances, we have a terrible deficit, spending money every day we never dreamed of spending, paying when we don't have any money, can't keep writing checks if you have no balance
- Testing is major challenge
  - We don't have testing system that can do this volume, or that can be ramped up to do this volume, de minimis
  - public testing capacity, even private sector doesn't have capacity
  - Operational challenge similar to our surge/flex initiative ramping up hospital capacity
  - NYS has 301 labs and hospitals that are licensed to perform virology testing
  - They must operate in a coordinated strategy supply chain poses international challenges, China makes re-agents
- Will we issuing an EO directing all public and private labs in NYS to coordinate with DOH, to ensure prioritizing of diagnostic testing for public health and restarting economy
- NEED coordinated approach between State and Federal government
- Must stabilize finances
  - Federal government has passed three bills on this crisis
  - Zero unrestricted funding for the states
  - We need financial support to stabilize the economy and perform reopening functions

- Re-opening is up to the states, need resourced to do it, don't ask states to do this, where is the funding "passing the buck without passing the bucks" A.J. Parkinson
- How do we make it a better tomorrow? Need to look back and say, society transformed, learning and transformational period, bring about new reforms and innovations, need to do that with this period.
- Make the changes you have been talking about for years but have been too difficult (environmental, social justice etc.), too controversial, have an opportunity to make changes and reforms in a way you haven't, if we went through this and didn't learn, shame on us.
- NY Paused, reflect, learn, move forward
- We learned there is no public health capacity, no one had beds left empty, didn't exist, why not
- How to you improve emergency response, lets learn, how will be ready for the next situation like this, there will be something, maybe second wave
- Vision for a better tomorrow:
  - Reimagined workplace, does everyone need to drive in the office every day?
  - Safer public transit system
  - Smarter public interactions
- Moment of person reflection, what have we learned during this heart break and crisis? Interactions with kids had gotten so superficial, now time to sit and have in depth conversations, learned that was missing a lot, busy is not an excuse, need to take a deeper reflection on what is important in life, need to take time to get below the surface, won't let that happen again
- Think about times mother has invited over and had to cancel, sometimes you don't miss something until it is taken away

#### Q&A:

Talking about additional federal funding, any idea that number?

- We know what we proposed, National Governors Association publicly requested 500B

What about for NY specifically?

- Didn't get into allocation but should be by need, you know where cases are
- In past bills, where they have done healthcare funding, some states got bout 200k for each case, NY got 12k for each case, so every Senator could go home and do a press release, give me a break

President said some states would go to phase 1 almost immediately, when do you think NY might be there

- States who has less cases can re-open faster, it is up to the states, some who have less of a problem will open sooner, depends on numbers
- Many states where the infections rate is de minimis, our infection rate is still .9, experts will say we are right on line

Hospital rate seems to stabilizing, are you thinking of stopping field hospitals, are you thinking about opening hospitals for elective procedures (maybe upstate), also what about PPE guidelines?

- CDC had federal guidelines, they had gone to crisis guidelines
- Doesn't feel this caused higher infection rates
- Need to take all these numbers with grain of salt, are we at a point where we are in immediate danger? No

Rate of infection, have you calculated rate of infection for upstate? Appears we have lower infection rate, would it make sense to get upstate economy going

- Not yet, this is difficult to do
- It is important to get all of the economy going, everyone is in that position
- Also don't want to go out and get sick and die
- Lower infection rate places are in better position, yes calibrating those differences in important
- Balancing need

- This you will see it clearer, you will see clusters upstate, nursing homes

State released list of nursing homes that have outbreaks, why did it take so long to inform public?

- I think they have, we have been talking about this every day for 30 days, the first outbreak in WA was in nursing homes
- Seniors are vulnerable

Will you be looking at inspections?

- Not an inspection issue
- No visitors, think about how harsh that is, staff testing, cleaning procedures, virus should not be underestimated, very good at killing

Seems like even with screening, there could be asymptomatic, is there thought of mass testing?

- Yes need to ramp up testing

Thoughts of transfers to other facilities?

- Working on balancing loads as we did in hospitals
- Ideally you would do an on the spot test, we don't have that test or capacity
- Personal privacy was an important factor, the data we received was directly from nursing homes, we only know what they tell us

What about releasing positives in nursing homes, what about family members that want to get information but are having trouble?

- DOH had put out guidance that nursing homes should be reaching out to families, it was being ignored
- Will be doing EO that they are mandated to do it and there will be civil penalties

Asked about Drive Ins-

- Formal request is in they are evaluating it

Asked about trade offices in the state, have we need using them?

- We have been using them to figure out the supply chain issues
- We do have people who work for the state in China, they were helpful but in truth this is so far beyond that level

State lawmakers have introduced bills to help farmers, what are your thoughts on helping them?

- Looking at all of that, many of those bills require funding which we don't have

Asked about opening golf courses and beaches and pools-

- Everyone has their own ideas, I get it and respect it
- Have County Execs, School districts, these decisions are all interconnected
- If one county opens and another doesn't, what you do affects the other county
- First place we started is, we have to coordinate as a state, in an emergency even more than before
- What you want to do with your park, normally it is up to you, but now people could be coming from across the state
- ADK's don't want a lot of people from downstate coming upstate right now
- Must be coordinated, understand local government concerns
- NY then has to coordinate with neighboring States
- Other states have marinas open, NY residents are flooding their marinas, we should have same policy
- Not crazy about having to coordinate every decision, easier to make your own decisions, its not where we are

Gotten reports from hospitals about overwhelmed ICU and staffing, will you be focusing on these high needs hospitals, also looks like the President is watching, tweeted, asked if you can respond-

- If President is sitting home watching TV maybe he should go to work
- This is about the people not politics, lets focus on that
- have said repeatedly that when we asked for extra capacity that the President acted quickly, he is wrong to say it wasn't used (800 people), we didn't use all beds because we didn't reach capacity
- the projections were high, they were the presidents projections, were we foolish for relying on your projections?

- I think there is a better argument, yes we built those hospitals but thankfully we flattened the curve and didn't need them
- Said a number of times, what am I supposed to do, send flowers?
- Very helpful with Comfort, Javits, China, finding PPE and ventilators
- Going forward we are still in the midst, we need help testing, he has said he doesn't want to help with testing, I can't do an international supply chain, said he has done enough, he hasn't, it's not over
- Doesn't want to help on testing, testing is too hard
- Said it is up to the state to re-open, didn't need the President to tell me what the states powers are, founding fathers gave me the power, maybe President should read the constitutions
- CDC projections said you would need 2.4M hospital beds, we have 900k
- Didn't you read your own projections?
- Thank you again for the Javits and Comfort, which is doing your job as President, we are not out of the woods, need to go forward, need help on testing and need funding, if it is up to the states, provide funding,
- We need to fund the small business program, airline bail out, maybe show that consideration to the State?

Did you speak to him yesterday, after the May 1<sup>st</sup> announcement?

- He didn't announce anything, he said is it up to the states
- Some states didn't even close down, can open up faster
- He is doing nothing, said it was up to the states, the Governors, which it always was
- Called it a 50 piece puzzle, no that's a map, those lines are states and they have constitutional power
- Colonies created the federal government, not the other way around
- All he is doing is walking in front of the parade, has no say in timing of parade
- Need help on testing
- State governments need funding
- Saying thank you for doing your job
- Thank you for taking a monom of responsibility in a federal emergency
- March 13<sup>th</sup> 160-214 Million Americans infected, over half the population, 2.4-21 million Americans hospitalized, these were the CDC projections, 2 and a half times capacity, by their projections we need, 150k beds, got it from the CDC, that's why we build the beds, because we listened to you, if we were foolish for listening to you, shame on us

Will state have to cut off spending?

- Looking at cash numbers, have resources to do that but putting in place ash funding controls
- Tax filing numbers are 30% off, ones that didn't file are most likely the ones who owe
- We will have to make reductions, have a revenue shortfall between 10-15B and will have to make reductions in event that there is not federal funding

What can state to do make sure nursing homes are safe?

- Increasing staffing, testing, PPE's
- Also have a virtual way to go through nursing homes to make sure things are being done correctly
- Working with each individual nursing homes

Where is PPE coming from?

- We have stockpile

Governor back at Trump

- If you want to point fingers, our mistake was believing your numbers, if that was a mistake, I'm guilty, won't make that mistake again

You said it earlier that it is undeniable, is it possible to open upstate earlier?

- Good questions, some states have less problem and can re-open faster
- Can other parts of the state open faster? Agree with overall premise

- Parts of the state in fundamentally different situation, but pockets in every region, there are counties are in different situations but what happens to demand from other parts of the state, would you create a problem for that places since it is now open?
- Has to be thought through, we are in the midst of public health crisis

Back to Trump:

- Peter Navarro said 100M Americans could be infected with as many as 1-2 Million souls
- Then were wrong, then fire them all, go back to his TV days
- Blame CDC, Peter Navarro

Why did this get under your skin?

- This is an important moment, States can't do it otherwise, I don't care about his politics, if we don't have federal help on testing, that it a real problem, not going to go through what we did on PPE

What types of businesses do you see opening?

- Not there yet, where what and when?