Deaths: 478 (total 14,347)

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

- Happy Monday
- 51 days since first case in NY
- 92 days since first case in USA
- Hospitalizations down slightly from yesterday
- Are we past the apex?
- ERs are better but still at or over capacity
- Intubations is down
- New COVID hospitalizations, about flat (weekend reporting may not be as accurate)
- Questions, how long until we reach the top of the mountain? The how long will we be on the plateau? Question now, how long and steep is the descent? No one knows
- Trying to figure out how fast the number comes down, when will it be a low enough number?
- 2 weeks, month, projections
- 478 lives lost yesterday, 455 in hospitals, 23 in nursing homes)
- Re-opening?
  - How do we do it and when do we do it, we all want to get out of this situation
  - Must set the bar higher
  - Use this situation to re-imagine, learn lessons and value from reflection
  - After 9/11 and Superstorm Sandy, made NY better
  - Stop saying re-open, reimagine
  - Better public transit, housing, public safety, health system, social equality, use of technology (in medicine, schools)
- Re-imagine task force in NY (focused on downstate)
  - Latimer, DeBlasio Curran, Bellone
- In the meantime, do no harm, testing and watch the dial
- Activity will increase automatically as the weather warms and cabin fever increases
- When activity increases, virus spread will increase, very thin margin of error
- Must watch until medical treatment or vaccine
- To the local government officials, coordination and discipline is key
  - Beaches, businesses, schools, public facilities, parades, concerts, these things will be magnets for people
  - Also must be regional, will effect everything else
  - Show professionalism over politics
- Testing and Funding, looking to work with federal partners
  - Testing-requires all levels of government to cooperate
  - Funding-unique times, did a budget dependent on what we get from feds
  - Federal government has not funded states to date
  - NGA is renewing our bi-partisan call for 500B for states
  - New legislation in DC still doesn't have
  - If they exclude state government funding our state financial plan this week will forecast cuts of 20% for schools, hospitals and local governments
  - I will fight for NY
  - Feds want to fund small businesses and financial services

- - Don't forget teachers, and police officers and firefighters and health care worker's and transit worker and
  - Propose Hazard pay for frontline workers in federal bill
  - 41% of frontline workers are people of color
  - People of color are also disproportionally represented in delivery services and childcare services
  - 2/3 of frontline workers are women, 1/3 come from low income households
  - Black and brown Americans are disproportionally victims of COVID-19, they were out there
  - Calling on the Feds to give 50% bonus in hazard pay
- New York is launching a new partnership with Ready Responders to bring healthcare services including testing to residents of public housing.
- On site health services and testing at NYCHA
- PILOT, if it works well we will go further Congressman Meeks, Congressman Jeffries, AG James, Speaker Heastie and BP Diaz
- Also going to bring 500k cloth masks in NYCHA and 10 gallons of hand sanitizer
- Future is in our hands, we will get through this, it can be controlled

When will NY release nursing home information like CA has done?
- Working on this, update last week, more soon

Trump tweeted that testing us up to state?
- President is right, testing is up to the states, they will implement tests and coordinate tests
- Labs regulated by states, how many tests can I get from labs, how are they allocated
- States should lead, think he is right
- States will run into, those 300 labs buy machines and equipment from national manufactures, they need those supplies from those manufactures, like feds to help with supply chain issues
- Not just funding, chemicals come from China, can't make supplies fast enough, doesn't know what is wrong but need feds help, need volume
- Once you take the test, tracing must happen, hire an army pf people to be investigators who traces contacts of positive

Would you like feds to use DPA and hire army of tracers?
- I would do tracing as state, coordinate as a state, too discrete an action for the feds
- State govs can do the details
- National manufactures supply chain needs to get up to scale, need feds there

Are you asking feds to bring in different manufactures?
- We didn't get into payment of tracers, states pay for tests and tracers
- Not about the money on this front
- About division of labor
- I can't solve for the national manufactures

Given high number of deaths in nursing homes, what is policy for admissions or readmissions to nursing homes? If you test positive can you be re-admitted?
- Necessary precautions will be taken but can be re-admitted, working closely with nursing homes, PPE's testing taking necessary precautions

Hydroxychloroquine results?
- Today hospitals are to send results to FDA and CDC, first tranche today
- DOH gets a copy

Is there a way to bring back elective surgeries in upstate?

Is there a rolling curve?
- Yes, NYC had first curve, expect other curves in State and country
- Our strategy has been to deploy where curve is highest

- We stopped elective surgeries for all hospitals to increase capacity
- Some upstate hospitals have significant burdens, want to start those surgeries again
- We have been looking at that, question of balance and dial
- We will announce policy tomorrow that provides for that with variables of coronavirus rate in the region

Regarding UI, there were 275k unprocessed claims, have you made a dent in that?
- Yes, made significant dent, down to 4300
- Now those applications get imported, comptroller will process claims
- That is getting done this week, debit cards take a little longer that direct deposit
- Feds had a process for pandemic UI, now there is one application that will streamline process

When will we see research on the effects on black and brown community?
- That will take a while
- Will not be done in time for any of these immediate policies
- What we are doing in public housing is common sense
- Those in public housing seem to always pay the highest prices

What more can the state do?
- Doing everything we can

Have you calculated rate of infection for individual counties?
- You need testing to do that, you don't have enough to break out for a county level
- The sample size would be too small it would not be statistically representative

So with all the issues around testing, do you have a number you need for each county?
- Most discrete would probably be region
- Need a larger sample size, working towards that

Do you need to take further action to stop people from traveling?
- It's a balance, certain amount is social conscience
- Been most aggressive in the country about putting in precautions
- Think where we are not is right
- Can't mandate personal behavior
- Strategy has been to get compliance has been to give facts, tell them why, NYers are smart if they understand why they will do it
- This is a question of life and death

Why don't we release cases of incarcerated people, facilities where they are?
- I don't know, I know we have that and will release information to the extent we can

What preparation has been made to re-open schools
- No plan to re-open schools
- Local schools may say they plan to re-open, by law they can not re-open
- If we make a decision to re-open we then would need a whole plan with public health standards
- Major major undertaking

Faith in tracing? Didn't work in New Rochelle.
- Once outbreak happens, contract tracing it too late
- In New Rochelle did massive contract tracing but it had broken loose
- Came in with heavy contact tracing
- Number of people you need is tremendous
- Then need to isolate those people
- This is all a place no one has gone before
- Also cost intensive

How are you selecting those for anti-body testing?
- Will be a statistical test, needs to be random