

Governor Cuomo 7:15PM 4/21 Press Conference

- Meeting in the WH this afternoon
- Productive and positive
- Got a lot done
- Talking about testing being next phase with re-opening
- Back and forth with states and feds
- Has to sit down and go through
- Agreed that state gov should be responsible for testing in their states, where they go, how often
- Antibody tests how do you use those, should be up to states
- Tracing up to states
- Problem with testing has been the national manufacturers that make kits, they have a problem with supply chain to quickly ramp up tests, that is where feds can help
- States cannot do international supply chains (they could but not what they normally do), cant have 50 states doing this
- That is what we agreed in this meeting, intelligent division of labor
- Ends back and forth
- NY does 20k tests a day, goal is to double that, will need weeks to ramp up to that
- That is our current system at its max
- This is the single biggest task, ends back and forth and finger pointing, it is a smart resolution
- Talked about funding to states, legislation congress passed did not have funding for states
- For me it is a mistake, you should fund small businesses and airlines but what about police, schools, healthcare workers?
- President said he understood and would work very hard for that in next piece of legislation
- Also, parochial issue but FEMA match, said there is no way NY can pay that match, we don't have funding, dipropionate to NY since we have had so many cases, we get a bill since we had hardship
- President said he understood and would work to waive the match, big deal for state of NY
- Met with president and members of his team, positive

Did you get commitment on other testing or aid?

- Commitment is to double tests from 20k to 40k, will take the supply chain side of the equation

When do we expect tests and what is cost?

- Several weeks at best, has taken over one month to get us where we are today
- It is an outrageous goal
- Feds will take supply chain we will coordinate labs
- Got to 20k in one month
- It will be expensive, don't have price tag yet
- Once we have testing we will need tracing
- That operation will be enormous

Considering that the state has already done diagnostic testing why not antibody testing?

- Have to do both trying to get to 40k a day
- We need a supply chain that the feds are working on
- Then get labs to double capacity
- Also need test takers
- Enormous undertaking

- 40k is combined anti-body and diagnostic
- We know how many people died but don't have denominator, how many people had virus, that is antibody testing
- Need to figure out how to use tests

How will the president get there?

- We did not talk through the details

Who will get tests?

- Nursing homes, congregate facilities
- This is how you watch the meter
- It is across the board
- What is the purpose of each test?

Concerns about anti-body testing?

- What is the precision, some have questioned the reliability and usefulness
- Some say just because you have anti-bodies doesn't mean you can't get it again
- If that is true, what is the point in finding out other than to figure out rate of spread

How would regional reopening work?

- Has to be on geographic footprint that is workable
- If you don't do it that way you will see people move back and forth
- Harder to do that when you operate in a coordinated way
- Can't be local decisions
- These are real questions, don't want people to flood that region
- Regions in this state that have different situations
- But if you open those regions, they may other themselves up
- Never don't his before

You said yesterday there may be 20% cuts, since it is not there

- We will do a financial projections in a few days because we were all depending on federal funding
- I seem frustrated because I am frustrated
- Now in a position to tell school districts to expect a cut
- It is not politically sexy to fund the state
- When you can go hand it out to individuals that is more politically appealing
- Get why senate does what they do
- Also, they represent states that do not have same type of problem
- Senators from NY should represent NY
- Can't do a budget on "don't worry next time" especially when that promise was made and broken

Who decided to send Comfort back and way it worth it?

- It helped 172 people; they would say you are darn right it helped
- Look a projections we were dealing with
- CDC said in March you may need 2M beds in the nation...
- That is double national capacity
- You can't make 50k beds that fast
- Every expert said that is what you need
- Never made projections
- We reduced spread with NY PAUSE
- Yes we needed beds
- Every number is a person and a family, yeah they count
- Topic of ship came up, so whoever need it should have it

Did you discuss the hydroxychloroquine?

- No

What did you make of studies?

- Haven't even looked at them

What happens to field hospitals?

- Stopped new construction, not ready to close anything down
- CDC is talking about outbreak in fall
- No time to pop champagne