

Deaths: 481 (total 14,8280)

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

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- Virus presents a slightly different problem in different parts of state
- Hospitalizations flat from yesterday
- Overall curve is down
- Change in hospitalizations is down (not as much as we would like)
- Change in intubations is down
- New diagnosis, 1300, down
- In Erie, there was a dramatic increase and has been flat
- Total hospitalized by region NYC 64%, LI 21%, Westchester/Rockland 8%, rest of state 7%
- Different regions of the country have different “curves” and different parts of the state have different “curves”
- Depending on that regions curve how long is the ascent, how long is the plateau, how long is the descent
- Believe western NY is on the plateau it appears
- In 481 deaths (29 in nursing homes)
- Going forward, do no harm, plan re-opening
- Be ready to surge and flex support to address a local cluster-move ventilators and equipment from downstate to upstate
- In NY no one is on their own, we are one state and one community
- Testing, testing, testing
- Hospitals: will have regional calibration
- We will all elective outpatient treatment in counties and hospitals without significant risk of COVID-19 surge in the near term, as long as number of beds are available
- Westchester and Rockland south Erie, Albany, Dutchess and several other counties will be excluded.
- Testing: no one expected to need this capacity in testing
 - National private manufacturers of laboratory equipment
 - Sell their tests and equipment to labs who sell tests to hospitals and the public (211 virology labs in NYS)
 - For the test to be performed local labs must have the necessary testing chemicals known as re-agents
 - There are different kits and reagents for different manufactures tests
 - Manufacturers don't have enough materials for their test kits
 - Struggling ability to ramp up
 - States regulate their labs and appropriate that states should be in charge of testing in their state
 - Where it gets hard is when labs say manufactures are the problem and they say it is an international problem
 - Yesterday, Larry Hogan said he bought 500k test kits from South Korea, daughter asked why I didn't think of that?

- It's not what states are normally responsible for, let federal government deal with international supply chain
- After testing, must put together tracers
- Re-opening decisions will be a regional basis based on regional COVID-19 facts
 - Have to understand variations
 - Same logic that applies in the country
 - Regional state economy, will be doing the same on this phase, re-opening in regional context
- Re-Imagine: lets learn lessons and to build back better
 - Kathy Hochul will be in charge of Western NY region, monitor public health and reopening strategy
 - Bob Duffy will be volunteering to be special advisor for reopening in finger lakes/Rochester
- We will be better for this, hard times make you better if you learn from them

Q&A:

On WH visit, what will focus be?

- Testing and what does it mean and how can feds work in partnership with the states
- This is all new, very difficult situation
- This is a thankless task
- Get instinct to distance yourself, but it is a situation where everyone needs to work together
- Think federal government needs to deal with supply chain issue

Re-opening seems to be tethered to testing, what can state do in short run to ramp up testing in Western NY?

- We are testing more than any other state
- We have to do better and do more
- We need more tests, that is what we are talking about
- The testing will bridge you, take it one step at a time
- Need more testing in Western NY, need more all across the board

When you go to WH, you have had to walk a fine line, how will you handle this when you meet with him?

- Life is a fine line, government is fine line
- You negotiate that by telling the truth
- There has been a lot of discussion about testing, we are talking past one another
- Believe it is largely up to the states but then federal's gov is doing presentation on what they are doing on testing, lets coordinate who does what.
- Will do whatever I am supposed to do, tell me what I am supposed to do

Continued frustration over unemployment, told 72-hour window has come and gone?

- They are right, bad news is there were so many claims that it collapsed system
- We have 1000 people working on unemployment website and calling system
- Still can't keep up with volume
- Get it, we have google and experts working on it, we are bringing up a systems that handled a lower capacity
- You will get the same benefit, I know it is frustrating, but it is retroactive, it is an annoying delay
- People are working 7 days on it

Have regional committees started meeting, what will it talk to open up?

- There are no committees
- Using regional template when we talk about re-opening
- Hospital capacity, infections rate, CDC guidelines, then be open to making region by region determination

- State and working with local governments, no committee and no process
- This is about the when and how
- When is data driven, Hochul and Duffy will coordinate with local officials
- What lessons do we want to take forward?
- How do we phase it, what businesses first? Percentages?
- No political regions

Asked about federal bill

- Terrible mistake not to provide funding to states
- I don't get it