

Deaths 337 (total 17,303)

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

- Hospitalizations are flat, flat is not great but may be reaction to weekend
- How fast and how steady is decline, don't want to see flat
- New hospitalization is down a tad from where it was
- 337 deaths (313 in hospitals, 24 in Hospitals)
- Testing: continuing the country's largest survey to develop a baseline of the infection rate, 7,500 people statewide
- 14.9% percent positive
- Male 16.9, Female 13.1%
- LI 14.4%, Westchester/Rockland 15.1% NYC 24.7% Rest of State 3.2%
- Race: Asian 14.8%, Black 16.9%, Latino/Hispanic 32.0%, Multi/None/Other 22.2%, White 8.9%
- Age: 18-24 12.4%, 25-34 17.4%, 35-44 16.3%, 45-54 19.0%, 55-64 14.8%, 65-74 9.9%, 75+ 9.6%
- Reopening: "know what you are doing before you do it"
- May 15th is when PAUSE ends statewide, will be extended in many parts of the state
- In some places you may be able to make the case to un-pause on May15, we have to be smart, learn lessons, this is not a light switch
- Regions need to start thinking through what it means to re-open
 - CDC guidelines
 - Industries, Phase 1 is construction/manufacturing
 - What business precautions will be in place? Social distancing, monitoring?
 - Healthcare capacity-ICU-flu season-stockpile
 - Testing regimen?
 - Tracing system?
 - Isolation facilities?
 - Regional coordination?
 - Schools, transportation testing, tracking
 - No "attractive nuisances"
 - Regional "Control room"
- Reopening: will watch the dials; Hospitalization rate, antibody testing, diagnostic testing and infection rate (rate of transmission)
- The regional control room will watch these dials
- We had medical centers that were build when we were worried about capacity, talking about a second wave of COVID or possibly combined with flu, spoke with president about leaving those in place until flu season (Javits and Westchester Center-have to think about, since it is in convention centers, cant re-open with the beds in them) but SUNY Stony Brook and SUNY old Westbrook
- Saturday, we expanded diagnostic testing, expanding those, must make appointment
- Also need to get testing to front line workers, doing survey of NYC fire and Police, 1k for each, this will further be determining spread among frontline workers (antibody testing)
- We will also be surveying 3k healthcare workers
- Also, 1k transit workers

- Seeing tremendous demand in food banks
- We are committing 25M for emergency funding for food banks
- Also asking philanthropies to help (covidphilanthropies@exec.ny.gov)
- Have issue upstate, farmers dumping milk, will be launching the Nourish NY initiative to purchase food and products to give to food banks
- We will also be working with companies to process excess milk to make their products that will be given to food banks (Cabot, Chobani, Dairy Farmers of America, Upstate Niagara Cooperative.
- Must re-imagine: tele-education, tele-medicine, public transit, better public health system, more social equity
- Yes, life will be different, but different can mean better if we are start about it
- Kentucky Governor Andy Beshear stood up and said to his senior senator was wrong about saying states should go bankrupt, it is hard to speak truth to power, it warms my heart to see an elected official that is not a

Q&A:

Are you confident that President will use DPA to make more reagents and swabs?

- I don't know if he has said he will use the DPA for that

What do you say about the models that were wrong in the projections rates?

- We changed the reality, they were not wrong, reality was number was lower which is a testament to the intelligence to the people of this state

Mayor DeBlasio will be opening streets, thoughts on that?

- Said early on you have to be realistic about people needed to get outside
- I had said NYC should open streets, traffic is way down
- Spoke to Mayor and Speaker, they have a disagreement about how it works, but you need to have streets that are open so people can walk and socially distance

You said you spoke to the President this morning; did you discuss federal money for the states and how do you feel about him calling it a bailout?

- Not did not discuss that
- The last bill that only did small business help should have included state and local, should say what state and local fund (police, fire, school teachers and hospital workers)
- Don't know why they passes a bill without including that
- Said don't worry it will be in the next bill, heard that three times
- When I hear don't worry, I worry
- So, we are where we are
- Bailout, this is not the time to be talking about dollars and cents among members of a community who are trying to be supportive
- Not time to be saying you put in more than I did, needs to be community and sharing
- If you want to talk about who is getting bailed out, no one is bailing out NYS, NYS has been bailing out states for decades, we are #1 giver, #1 donor state, paid \$116B more than it received
- at a time when people are showing community and mutuality, to now say-"who owes what to whom?" this is not about money it is about working together and sharing and grief and comfort
- if you want to make it about money you are making a mistake, you are going to lose on a tally sheet.

Where have casinos been on re-opening?

- You will have to look at industry and how they would do business
- Social distancing
- Would have to be on individual basis

Hearing about security breach at DOL?

- There were 3 dozen people where papers were stuck together
- It was human error and those people will get credit monitoring

We are getting messages every day some people are losing jobs do we have money to keep paying out unemployment?

- No, depending on how many people moving forward need UI
- Need federal help

What is testing in Nursing homes, also will there be a place for nursing homes to send COVID patients?

- If a nursing home cannot take care of a patient, they must transfer that person, either they can do it or DOH will transfer that person
- DOH can transfer to COVID only facility but has to start with nursing homes saying that can't not provide care to that patient
- Cobble Hill wanted to transfer to Comfort, Comfort is a federal facility, it only takes transfers from hospitals
- The protocol on the ship was that it had to come from a hospital
- That nursing home should have told DOH that they couldn't handle the patients

If nursing homes tell state they can't handle a patient are they opening themselves up to scrutiny?

- No if they don't do that, they are opening themselves up to scrutiny

Antibody testing has shown over 20% in NYC, WHO has said there is no proof that antibodies protect from re-infection-

- Different opinions as to is you can get re-infected
- Tells you who was infected and who can give anti-bodies
- Can't use that as a re-opening theory, would be calculated risk

State BOE cancelled presidential primary, was that the right move?

- Not going to second guess BOE

How has science changed on facial coverings, is state indirectly responsible for not mandating them earlier?

- When we do retrospective there are a lot of things you could ask why we didn't do them earlier?
- We did it as aggressively as any other state, in the beginning all the experts were ambivalent about masks

Are you saying that nursing homes care more about profits than their patients?

- No, if they can't care for patients, they need to transfer them

Asked about golf courses using carts-

- That is violation of directive and can face penalties

Possibility of temporary hospitals on campus would make them unsafe for students?

- No