

Deaths: 778 (total, 10,834)

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

- Day 44, but who is counting
- Hospitalizations, basically flat
- Think we are on the apex, plateauing
- Hospitalizations net change is down
- Hospitalization, three-day average is down
- Intubations, net change is negative
- New COVID hospitalizations per day is down but still have 1,600 new COVID positive hospitalizations
- Been watching for growth outside NYC, basically flat, been jumping on hot spots
- COVID deaths in nursing homes, percentage of loss of life is getting higher
- Lost 778 lives yesterday, that is up
- Lives lost is flattening at devastating level
- Total lives lost, 10,834
- What we have learned, our actions determine our destiny, we change our curve
- We have shown we control the virus, it does not control us
- We could have been numbers go up after lockdown, that would have been a frightening place
- Took tremendous dramatic pain to do it, but we did do it
- Our actions today determine the infection rate tomorrow, we are artificially controlling the curve, total cause and affect
- Re-opening
 - Everyone is anxious to re-open
 - We cannot sustain this for a prolonged period, but how you reopen is everything
 - Worst scenario would be we do all of this and we re-open too fast or there are unanticipated consequences and the number goes up
 - Multi-state council, if we can't get common plan, let's not have contradictory plans
 - Must have all the gears working together, Workforce, transportation, Healthcare, schools
 - We must clarify who is responsible, President said he has total authority, that is not an accurate statement
 - The federal-state relationship is central to our democracy-important we get this right
 - We do not have a king, we elect a president, states formed a federal government, all other powers remain with the states
- Personal point, President is looking for a fight, the worst thing we can do it be political and partisan at this time, this is too important, this is a no politics zone, we need to stay there, we are all in a reflective mood, everything we do is so important, so times it takes more strength to walk away from a fight that to engage in it, think about we, get past yourself and think about society, act responsibly for everyone
- Put my hand out in total partnership and cooperation, this will take us working together
- We could lose all the progress we made if we do this wrong

Q&A

Talking about making peace with the President, but went on 4 programs this morning and called him a King etc., why not just say no comment?

- Statement that he has total authority cannot go uncorrected
- Calling Governors mutineers (whatever that means), I'm not going to get into that fight, worked very hard to be in partnership with federal government, he is right I did call and say I need federal assistance and overflow beds, Comfort and Javits, I praised him for those actions.
- Federal government had tremendous power that we need that, he is right about

Asked if he plans to speak to the President-

- We don't have anything immediate to talk about
- Have no had conversation about re-opening, this is a shift in federal position, in close down, President left to the Governors, now president says he has a different model for re-opening, what is that model and let's talk about who does what.
- Need to talk about testing, how do we scale?
- How do we do tracking?
- How do we have masks for every New Yorker?
- How to we disinfect the transportation system?
- How do we make sure we have the medical equipment?
- Where is the funding, I am broke.
- That is the intelligent conversation to have

Will he have this conversation with you?

- I have always had an open line of communication, I am sure we will communicate now, I do not want to fight with him, no time for division
- Working with both D and R Governors, this is 10k lives lost, not 10k democrats or republicans

Legal experts say there is no reason not to release data-

- Want to go through and make sure we are not releasing any privacy data and then we will release

Are there any nursing homes with huge problems?

- We have seen increased cases but that has been across the board

Mayor DeBlasio said they can do 100k tests a week, you said 60k what is true?

- What is happening with testing is the same thing that happened with medical equipment
- Now very state is going to those companies to buy the tests
- They have limited inventory, and every state is bidding for it
- Let FEMA do the testing, why am I competing?
- Say to the President, you take it, god bless you
- We bought 17k ventilators, only got 3k
- City was told that from a company, think the same thing will happen, companies will get overprescribed, we learned this lesson, cost taxpayers tremendous amount of money
- Tell FEMA to buy tests, allocate by need
- This was a lesson we should have learned

What is the accuracy of the tests?

- Looking at the tests that are 95% accuracy
- The test our state lab created is 99% accurate
- There are many tests with many different accuracy rates

What is capacity of antibody tests?

- 2k per day next week in the state

- Also working with private sector and hospitals to ramp up
- You could have a whole symposium on testing
- What percent of the population have had COVID? Zucker 20%, 10%?
- The diagnostic tests will be key, multiply that by the amount of people

Is testing everyone the pre-requisite?

- You would never get there, want it as a tool, temperature taking, think of all the things you have to do
- Clean busses and trains, tracing, technology, there is a lot to do, States cannot do it on their own
- Proud of what we do in state government

Said nursing homes was like fire in dry grass, then why are there so many cases if we knew that?

- You can't stop it, we have no visitors
- It takes one staff member to have a serious problem
- Their immune system is not as good and they have many underlying conditions it is a tough battle for them
- You have learned your strength and weakness, you learned you can control the virus but you cannot hermetically seal a nursing home
- Isolation, checking staff members, one ember finds its way in and it is fire in dry grass

In city of Rochester there was a 100-person vigil, is it appropriate to do that?

- Don't know the specifics but we spent a lot of time saying there should be not large gatherings not even over the holidays, learn the lesson on New Rochelle, that could happen anywhere in the country at any time, couldn't be more clear

Should we discuss legal options against the President?

- It takes two to tango, not interested in fighting
- Not going to let anything bad happen to the people I represent
- Lawyer/advocate
- Will fight with all my might, doesn't think it comes to that, he is wrong on the law, there is not time for the argument