

Deaths: 752 (total: 11,586)

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

Of particular note from today:

**Governor announced he will be issuing an Executive Order saying all people in public in NY must have mask or mouth/nose covering when unable to maintaining “social distancing.” 3 days for compliance. (at this time, will not carry civil penalty but that can change)**

- Hospitalizations down slightly
- Flattening of the curve
- Net change in hospitalizations is down, 3 day down
- ICU and intubations are down
- New COVID hospitalizations a day, is still around 2k
- Great news is we can control the spread
- 752 lives lost yesterday (707 in hospitals 45 in nursing homes)
- Flat over several days (lagging indicator, people who were probably intubated)
- We will beginning reporting all categories of fatalities pursuant to new CDC guidelines and are contacting facilities to get updated numbers.
- Will be contacting other facilities to see if there were other people who passed and may not have been included
- Javits has had 800 people go through it
- We are building a bridge to tomorrow, it is not a re-opening, it is going to a different place, must learn lessons
- New Normal
  - Public Health
  - Environment
  - Economic
  - Civil Rights
  - Social Justice
- When is this over?
  - When we have a vaccine (12-18 months)
  - Anything we can do to get that done quickly, we are all in will be fill partners with the federal government
  - Besides vaccine, possibility of treatment
    - Convalescent plasma
    - Antibody testing
    - Hydroxychloroquine (has become politicized), medical doctors should decide
- Until then, what do you do?
  - Phased re-opening
  - Priority is public health (infection rate)
  - Testing, best tool is large scale testing
  - Test, Trace and Isolate
  - Opens new world of testing, new to all of us
    - Diagnostic testing
    - Antibody testing

- Saliva testing
  - Finger prick testing
  - Blood sampling
  - Testing equipment
  - Testing sites
  - Testing labs
- NYS has done more tests than any other state and developed capacity
  - NYS has done 500k tests to date
  - CA, FL and MI have done approx. 492k tests combined during that same period
  - Need federal support
  - NY will coordinate statewide testing
  - 228 labs
  - Will make sure not to compete with ourselves
  - NYS DOH announced is developed its own antibody test
  - This week, we will begin antibody tests-2000 per day with finger prick test
  - NY has also asked the FDA for expedited approval of an antibody finger prick test that could test up to 100k NYers a day
  - Will prioritize antibody testing—healthcare workers, first responders, and essential workers
- More testing-the more open the economy BUT not enough national capacity
- Must be clear on who does what, states cannot develop national testing
- No simple answer, private sector only develops what the market demands
  - Need equipment
  - Need lab capacity
  - Need massive amounts of chemical agents
  - Very hard to bring to scale quickly
  - Need the federal government to be a part of this
  - No is to blame on testing, 50 states and the federal government competing against each other for testing capacity
- Once we test, we must trace contacts
  - States need testing/tracing
  - States need funding to manage all these functions to re-open
    - Federal legislation has neglected state governments
- Looking ahead
  - Do no harm
  - Medical treatment?
  - Tracing testing?
  - Phased re-opening
- Need clarity between federal government and states
  - Need federal assistance on testing tracing
- Phased reopening factors “un-pausing”
  - Based on:
    - How “essential” is the business service or product?
    - What is the risk of “infections spread” of the business
      - Social distancing, re-work design of office
      - New precautions etc.
    - Will make a matrix
- That is entirety of vision, bridge to new normal
- **All People in public in NY must have mask or mouth/nose covering (will issue EO)**
- **Must wear it in situation where you are not maintaining “social distancing”**
  - Public transit, busy streets etc.

- 3-day notice to allow for compliance
- We will be giving ventilators to neighboring states
  - 100 to Michigan
  - 50 to Maryland

Q&A:

Mask issue, any public space where there is congestion? Stores? Looking for clarity?

- Any situation in public where you cannot maintain social distancing

Penalties?

- Don't want to go there yet, but it is an executive order, if people don't follow will do civil penalties
- Local governments to enforce

Is it in the public interest to release fatalities in nursing homes?

- Will release as much data as possible
- Other issue is privacy, don't need people being put on news on in the paper
- Don't discount right to privacy about death of loved one

On EO, what kind of coordination do you have with the city, did you talk to them at all, also on testing?

- We have 400 local government officials in this state
- 700 school districts
- County execs
- Coordinate as much as possible
- Need one state plan, this is statewide EO
- This is a statewide situation, need statewide rules, they can have own rules as long as they don't conflict
- Don't know all the local laws out there on masks, as long as they don't conflict, great
- Mayor announced that they are acquiring testing systems, we are talking about testing capacity in the lab
- Been speaking with city, fully supportive, this was next logical step
- Testing volume is descending on private sector testing companies, they are getting called from everyone, need to figure out the supply chain and scale up with the feds

State has shut down one state park, why, do you anticipate more?

- There were complaints from local elected, evaluated and erred on side of caution
- Goal is to leave parks open

DO you think closing sooner would have saved more lives?

- Don't like to do Monday Morning quarterbacking at halftime
- Would have liked to go to December or January, doesn't know who should have don't what
- No state that moved faster from first case to total shut down
- All happened in 19 days, no state moved faster than 19 days
- It was not about my declaring a total shutdown, no one had been here before, could have shut down and public may not have complied

Video out of Philadelphia of police pulling man off a train who is not wearing a mask, what will happen?

- Not there yet, no civil penalty yet
- Trying to lay out facts
- Our success here has been very high compliance rate
- We have been effective by laying out the facts
- Haven't given anyone a ticket for violating anything, they understand the facts
- If there is widespread non-compliance, but we are not there yet

Will this put people in a situation where they are shamed into wearing a mask, what if running?

- Either run across the street or have it with you and put it on when necessary

Group of state senators asking to unfreeze 2% would that break the bank?

- Yes, state is broke, would like to do a lot of things for a lot of people
- Those people should call Washington and ask them to provide financial assistance