

Deaths 112 (total 21,383)

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

From Rochester Regional Health (in attendance, Congressman Joe Morelle, County Exec Adam Bello and Former Lt. Governor Bob Duffy)

- Also invited all county executives and mayors to listen today, new phase today
- May 15 is end of statewide closure, now shift is to localities and regions to make sure they are in a position to open
- Exciting new phase, want to do it smart and intelligent
- Hospitalization down
- Intubations is down
- Lives lost 161 (112 and 49)
- New COVID hospitalizations down (488)
- We are on the other side of the mountain
- We did what we needed to do to get to the decline, just about to where we started
- To turn to reopening, May 15<sup>th</sup> local regions should start to prepare
- Open when we are ready, numbers show decline by CDC guidelines, and have testing and tracing in place in local regions (with isolating)
- We have been smart through this and must continue to do that
- 7 metrics that each regional has to look at
  - 14day decline in hospitalizations or under 15 new hospitalizations (3-day average)
  - 14-day decline in hospitalized deaths or under 5 new (3 day average)
  - New hospitalizations-under 2 per 100k residents (3 day rolling average)
  - Share of total beds available (threshold of 30%)
  - Share of ICU beds available (threshold of 30%)
  - 30 per 1k tested monthly (7-day average of new tests per day)
  - 30 contact tracers per 100k residents or to meet current infection rate
- Where do region's stand? Is a science, can be measured
- Some regions are ready to go, just need to get logistics in order, some are close, missing one or two criteria:
  - Capital region 5/7 CNY 6/7 Finger Lakes 7/7 Long Island 5/7 Mid-Hudson 5/7 Mohawk Valley 7/7 NYC 4/7 North Country 6/7 Southern Tier 7/7 WNY 5/7
- When we re-open will be phased re-opening:
  - Phase 1-construction, manufacturing and supply chain, retail-curbside pickup, agriculture, forestry and fishing
  - Phase 2-Professional services, finance and insurance, retail, administrative support, real-estate and rental leasing
  - Phase 3-Restaurants and food service, hotels and accommodations
  - Phase 4 Arts/Entertainment and recreation, Education
- Start with businesses that are more essential and pose a lower risk
- Businesses must put safety precautions in place
  - Social distancing, no gathering, processes for testing, require masks, strict cleaning and sanitation, liability, non-essential travel restricted
- Retain reopening: curbside and in-store pick up; essential retail will continue under current protocols

- Also, open low risk activities
  - Landscaping and gardening, Outdoor low risk recreational activities (i.e.: tennis), drive in
- Local officials have to do their work;
  - testing and tracing in place
  - monitor infection rates in hospitals
  - ensure business compliance
  - communicate with other local government's
  - also, Regional Control Room, top officials that are watching situation in the region develop, have circuit breaker ready (list of boards are attached, sorry for the quality)
- Today we are announcing members of the regional control rooms to monitor metrics, urge them to start talking
- This is the next big step in the historic journey
- We have to stay smart and united
- Cases in NY are on the decline, the rest of the nation the rates are still on the incline, that is because of what we did.
- Some states are opening without meeting CDC guidelines, some states open and saw rush from other states
- Some didn't make people a part of the plan
- Worked very hard to make sure the people knew the facts, an informed public will keep public safe
- Plan will be online, NY Forward

What will Friday look like, should people at construction sites report to work at 9am? Who will give those answers?

- Reopening phase is locally driven and regionally designed, businesses have to be approved by that regions with these conditions, state has conditions, local governments may have their own conditions

How long do you anticipate each phase?

- Will be determined by facts and numbers as you go along
- We are opening a valve, have to keep infection rate below 1.1
- Watch dial and hospitalization rate
- Determined by dials, that's how fast you do it
- Local regions will have control room and circuit breaker, if you see dials going into the red zone, you can slow down but can turn off if necessary
- Have to get spread of infection under control
- Nobody knows how fast you open, also depends on how smart you open, businesses and employees have to follow social distancing and other protocols

As business are coming up with reopening plans, how long do these businesses keep those plans in place?

- Depends on facts, when we don't have to worry about the virus anymore
- How smart we are, our actions, our behaviors
- This was a wakeup call for the country, people have never gone through it before
- People's lives were on pause, thinks we will be the better for it
- People see that government really matters now, won't tolerate a side show anymore

With businesses reopening but schools closed, when can daycares open?

- said all along the closing of the schools had effect on opening
- arranging child care for those who need it for the regional councils

Key factors for re-opening, are about hospital data, would like to see it regionally, right now statewide data, can you get state health department to release info consistently on a daily basis by region?

- this will be public today and will get updated every 24 hours

Do businesses have to submit plan to state?

- Submit to regions, call Adam Bello, Joe Morelle (jokingly)