

Deaths 157 (total: 22,170)

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

From Upstate Medical University, Syracuse NY

- Pleasure to be here, thank you to the doctors and nurses here and across the State
- Wanted to watch the hearing in Washington
- Today is day 75
- Hospitalizations are down
- Intubations is down
- New hospitalizations are better than it was
- Lives lost 157 (121 hospitals and 36 nursing homes) which is down
- Everyone wants to reopen, that's needs economy, people have lives, question is how
- Can't be too soon follow data, science and metrics
- Have to learn lessons from other and be smart
- Check data on daily basis, have very elaborate reporting system
- Transparency is key, this is about what the people and citizens do
- Hope people check daily to see where their region and county is and calibrate their actions
- Designed dashboard, has all the information by region
- Every region can compare, right now, some regions poised to reopen tomorrow, and some that are not (Opening; Finger Lakes, Central NY, North Country, Southern Tier)
- Local governments will be monitoring this, daily monitoring or numbers, know the facts and know what you are dealing with
- Make sure businesses are in compliance
- Make sure individuals comply
- The problem has not gone away, have to be diligent about compliance
- React immediately if numbers change
- Washington must act, NYS has \$61B hole
- Need to fund schools, hospitals, police officers, firefighters
- Washington has already done business incentives, we need these
- Spoke to the president this morning, he heard me out, also asked him to expedite some payments; he is expediting \$3.9 billion to the MTA.
- The house bill is a good bill:
  - Has state and local aid
  - Testing funding
  - Also repeals SALT \*this increased NYS's taxes \$12-15B
- Washington can't delay, no special interests getting priority
- No unscrupulous corporate bailouts; should re-hire same number of workers if they get government money (op-ed in Washington Post)
- We need to get out of the partisan gridlock
- NGA is calling on Washington to do the right thing
- Not about just going back to where we were, need to grow, reimagine
  - Education

- Telecommuting
- Telemedicine
- Public transportation
- Public health system
- We should never be in position we were in; we need to make medical equipment in the United States
  - Masks
  - Gowns
  - Drugs
  - Ventilators etc.
- Aggressive incentivizing businesses to produce medical equipment in NYS; initial \$3M in grants have been distributed to businesses.
- If you want to grow your business, contact ESD
- With this virus we must remaining diligent
- 110 cases of COVID related-illnesses in children (less than one year old to 21 years old)
- NY has issues first in the nation criteria to healthcare professionals across the state defining this syndrome, also prioritizing testing for children with these symptoms
- Virus has been ahead of us, keeps changing, only you can help you, stay informed
- There are things we don't know, be cautious and diligent, wear masks, gloves, stay cautious

Q&A:

The state website posted guidelines for phase 1 reopening and a form business have to sign can you explain?

- There are guidelines, those are then enforced by localities, there are statewide overall guidelines
- Doing regional control meetings today
- Questions from businesses can go to regional control group

Do these plans have to approved?

- No for accountability

Any leeway for social interactions, there is a lot of talk about businesses but people want to know if they can see their families/friends, can they do that?

- No law saying people can't see their families, we have guidelines and best practices
- Inform yourself, I suggest caution

What should people expect how phase 1 will go?

- Not sure how many will open, will have to social distancing, no gathering, watch the numbers and see how people behave and what is the affect?

Religious leaders are feeling left out, churches looking for guidance, what can you tell church, temple, mosques?

- Not about those facilities, it is about large gatherings
- One infected person in New Rochelle went to events around a religious ceremony

In regards to Madison County Outbreak? Are you getting answers?

- Many outbreaks in meat processing plants, then we had an outbreak in agricultural plant
- It is the fact that you had 1k employees in one plant, it is the gathering
- One person in a large gathering can infect dozens
- A lot of the new cases are coming from home spread

Madison county said it wasn't able to continuing housing for these workers so they had to stay in hotels, was there a problem with that?

- 4 people in hotel or house is same thing
- People have to live somewhere
- Not unusual to go through a family

- My brother got it, then his wife and son
- Zucker-have been working with company and investigating
- DeRosa-This is why we need to be careful with reopening, underscores importance of doing this smart, social distance, masks
- Many in more rural areas thought of this as a city problem, one person can infect dozens in one afternoon wherever you are, no one is immune

Is there a liability if there is an outbreak?

- There is federal legislation on this
- I would say make sure you take and follow all the guidance

Asked about DMV reopening-

- Deadlines have been suspended, no one will enforce until you can go in
- some things can be done online
- Elective surgeries have restarted
- Doctors office can operate, ambulatory services are open

State fair or Syracuse Nationals, what is your confidence that those types of event can be held?

- I am not going to guess and that is all I can do, situation changes every two weeks
- Very weary of saying something that is not true
- Not going to guess or opine, will make the decision we have to for planning purposes
- There could be medical breakthroughs, there could be good things

Can Friday be a day of business for regions that are able to begin phase 1?

- Yes

Do you have any idea when you will have firm list of what is in each phase? What about hair stylist?

- Hadn't heard that but we will do that, will pull that together
- Don't know where hair stylist falls, will do back and try and get the information to you

Congressional Republicans talking about investigating your response in nursing homes?

- Wished this could be a time we could step away from politics.