

Deaths 157 (total 22,461)

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

- Happy Saturday
- Hospitalizations are down again, curve shows how fast we went up and the slow decline
- Intubations down
- New hospitalizations down to ~400
- 157 deaths (105 hospitals, 52 nursing homes) this is not that precise, think when we go back this number will vary
- Have dashboard online so everyone can be informed
- Smart re-opening plan
- As we move forward with our phased reopening, we can also reopen economic activities without crowd and gatherings
- Horse racing tracks across the state will open as of June 1 without fans
  - Will be issuing guidance on how to safely reopen in the coming week
- Watkins Glen will reopen without fans
- Open Westchester and Suffolk for elective surgeries and ambulatory care
- Many places have opened only to have to close again
- Even as we reopen, we have to remain vigilant
- You are in control of what happens, how you act will determine what happens
- There will be natural increase now that the weather gets warmer, how do they act when they come out
- We have an intelligent reopening system but relying on you
- Local governments will do their part, spoke to them
- Other big questions mark is what the Federal Government does
- \$61B hole in the NYS Budget, funds schools, hospitals and local governments
- House bill that passed yesterday was a smart bill
  - 500B for states, \$375B for locals
  - Medicaid funding for the most vulnerable
  - Increase SNAP food assistance
  - 100% FEMA federal assistance
  - Testing funding
  - Repeals salt
- Now Senate must act
- Not a red or blue issue

Q&A:

Racing and Watkins glen, are you reach to expand that?

- If you have an activity that can take place and give entertainment and economic impact
- We don't control baseball
- We control the race tracks, can open Watkins glen
- Open to allow for fan-less activity can operate
- Risk there is minimal
- Horse tracks already have much of the staff there, this wont change level of activity much

For these sports there is staff that must be there can you do that with social distancing?

- You have to have guidance, must be protections, no density
- Coming up with them
- If they do open and I am invited I may go and bring my car but there is no self interest

Dan McCoy and Steve McLaughlin have said nursing home stats shouldn't be included, do you agree and can they be separated out?

- We are talking to them, understand the issue
- Don't have a decision but having those conversations

When you talked about people going to other regions, do you think people from the capital region will go to Amsterdam?

- Activities in phase 1 don't create a lot of reason for people to travel to other regions

You said the new cases were mostly from home spread, when is the

- They are people who are getting it at home, someone in the home could leave and become infected and brought it home or that person who went out to socialize that person got infected and went to the hospitals or went home and infected others
- We will learn more with the contact tracing

Where are we will contact tracing?

- Just starting, working closely with Bloomberg
- Yesterday was the first today we opened regions
- Those regions had to have tracers to open
- This is all new for us
- Regional coordination is very important
- Where are the new cases coming from, has thought they were workers but data says they are not

Bill in the legislature you would like to see passes? Is there work done?

- Lawmakers are working harder than they have worked in a long time, they are getting constant calls
- EO's that I do we talk to the leaders about and they are talking to their members about, they may not be here physically but they are a part of what I am doing.

New hospitalizations are leveling off, do you think you will need more lockdown for those to go down?

- Can't do more lockdown
- Not talking about doing more lockdown, talking about reopening smartly
- Numbers now are a little up and a little down, you can handle that, don't want to have a spike
- Different numbers across the state, proportionate to cases in the region and hospitals capacity

Do you regret moving forward with hydroxychloroquine after hearing from whistleblower?

- did not see any benefit or harm
- groups are studying and looking at this
- we didn't move forward, we tested in hospital trials
- test suggested not to go forward

Respond to McLaughlin tweet: "The falsehoods by Cuomo have to stop. Saying "the rest of the United States is increasing is false. Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Louisiana, Michigan, Nevada, and Pennsylvania have reported 5 weeks of decline in new cases. Arkansas, Colorado, Mass, NJ, RI show 2 weeks of decline. Facts!"

- he should send a letter to NY Times that's where the chart came from

On the Senate has senator Schumer said if it will pass?

- Spoken to everyone about the bill, made it clear how important it is and what will happen if they don't pass it
- They are in control of the state budget this year
- Have to respond to the shortfall if we don't get federal funding
- To not help schools, police and fire fighters and those who need food, how can you justify that? After giving money to corporations