

Death: 299 (total 18,564)

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

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- Today is Saturday
- Everyone talks about this being uncharted waters, but that doesn't mean you proceed blindly
- It means get data the best you can and use that data to decide where you are going
- Hospitalizations are again, down
- Intubations is down
- New hospitalizations are down (831) had been relatively flat
- Deaths 299 (276 in hospitals 23 in nursing homes)
- Data determines actions
- We completed the country's largest antibody survey to develop a baseline infection rate, 15k people
- Percent positive: 4/22 13.9%, 4/27 14.9% 5/1 12.3%
- Female: 11.5%, Male 13.1%
- Within NYC, Bronx is high 27.6%, Brooklyn 19.2% Manhattan 17.3%, Queens 18.4% Staten Island 19.2%
- Asian 11.1%, Black 17.4%, Latino/Hispanic 25.4%, Multi/None/Other 14.4%, White 7%
- We are still getting about 900 new infections every day, unacceptably high
- Where are the new cases coming from? Looks for hotspots
- We must lower infections rate, we have to find out where it is coming from
- Asked hospitals to get more information from; residence, gender, race, ethnicity, comorbidities, where admitted from, occupation and method of travel
- We know must continue to protect vulnerable
- Distributing 7 million masks to nursing homes and public housing (statewide)
- Nourish NY, 25 Million to foodbanks
 - o \$11M to NYC
 - o \$1M Westchester
 - o \$1.6M to Long Island
 - o \$4.4 M to Capital Region and Hudson Valley
 - o \$2.2 M to Central NY
 - o \$1.1M to Southern Tier
 - o \$2.1 to Western NY
 - o \$1.7M to Finger Lakes
- We need help, covidphilanthropies@exec.ny.gov (Fran Barrett)
- NY is undertaking full survey of antibody testing for transit workers
- To keep transit workers and public safe, the MTA will be disinfecting trains every 24 hours
- Will close system from 1AM-5AM, just viewed operations, it is labor insensitive, go through train with misting device, virus can live on stainless steel for days
- Transit workers are stepping up in a big way

Q&A:

Given that homeless will have to leave system, what actions are being taken to give them resources?

- Have worked with homeless communities since my 20's
- Knowledge is sufficient
- You do not help the homeless by letting them stay and sleep on a subway car in the middle of a pandemic
- To the extent people need services and housing we should provide it
- We are finding an unprecedented amount of housing and services for the homeless
- Difficulty has been connecting homeless with services, you have to get them to a place where they trust and are accepting
- This give the opportunity to get those people and connect them to services

There has been talks of using FEMA money to help homeless?

- It is up to local governments

Is it realistic that this will bring an end to homeless people sleeping on the trains?

- Will you end homelessness? No
- You will have people who for one reason or another want to drop out of society
- You will help as many people as you can
- This will be the first time you have to get everyone off the train, opportunity to engage them

Some can't pay their rent, talking about rent strikes

- Cannot be evicted for non-payment of rent, that is in place through June
- If you can, you should, in June we will figure it out

What about essential worker that need to travel between 1-5AM? What does cleaning entail?

- We had reached out to hospitals and labor unions to see where passengers
- 10-11k customers travel at that time
- We reached out to AFL-CIO, labor unions and hospitals to get info
- We are going to tailor service to accommodate their needs
- We have a lot of granular data
- Will be running a lot of busses, will try to match subway service
- We will have a website and additional details in the coming days
- Taxi and livery and for hire vehicles are an option
- We have 900 cleaners already and bringing on additional workers
- Cleaners will board trains at the end of the line
- Also, cars in yards, cars in layup will be cleaned every day, some will be cleaned more than once
- This is only because of NYPD and Mayors commitment
- We don't have another option, not going to ask essential workers to go work in a grocery store and hospital, and not be able to tell them that the trains are clean
- New Yorkers live by "do the right thing"
- It's going to be hard but we will figure it out
- We have been called upon to do things we have never done before, either we do them or we fail, we don't fail

Yesterday in Commack there was a demonstration who want the economy to re-open, not social distancing and not wearing masks, what do you say to them, also Suffolk police where there but not doing anything in enforce?

- This is a highly politicized time, worked hard to keep politics out of this
- For myself I have made it clear I have no political agenda
- Understand frustration of people
- I want to economy open, disagree with people who want to open economy despite public health risk
- Not putting economy over lives
- You don't have the right to jeopardize someone else's health
- The mask isn't about your health is it's about my health, my children's health
- Believe masks should be enforced will help police do that

Asked about people not complying with masks and people coming outside

- Closed down in way that is remarkable, NYers bent that curve
- They changed the curve, that stayed at home, wore masks
- Essential workers showed up for work
- Respect social distancing and wear masks

Asked about Ralph Nader calling for wealth tax-

- Have not heard what he is calling for