

Deaths: 84 (total: 23,279)

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

Regional Dashboard: <https://forward.ny.gov/regional-monitoring-dashboard>

New York Forward Business Reopening Lookup

Tool: <https://www.businessexpress.ny.gov/app/nyforward>

- Today is Saturday
- Mr. Met tweeted at me that today is Saturday
- Today is day 84
- Stayed home today but we are working
- When virus takes a day off, we will take a day off
- (Gave history of the executive mansion and showed some artifacts and art in the mansion)
- Hospitalizations are down
- Intubations are down
- New COVID hospitalizations are down
- Number of lives lost is down to 84 (62 in hospitals and 22 in nursing homes)
- One day asked a doctor what number we wanted to be below, doctor said below 100, have been looking to get below 100 and we have done it
- Reopening, how do we proceed with reopening
- We have criteria for every region, no variance in criteria, they are on the website, this is all a function of what people do
- Mid-Hudson has met criteria, only open issue is training tracers, they have the right number they have to be trained
- Agreed to ask people to be trained over the weekend, so opening on Tuesday
- LI number of deaths dropping, at this rate could open by Wednesday (deaths must decline and tracers must be identified and trained)
- Testing: Announcing new partnership with AdvantageCare physicians to establish 15 new testing sites at medical centers downstate, including testing sites in low-income and minority communities
- If you have any symptoms, get a test, essential workers, get a test
- Good news is, it is working this is all about discipline now
- You are seeing numbers go up in other states what opened too fast
- Wear a mask, those masks can save a life
- Competition on the wear a mask ad, people are voting on the 5 finalists, winner will be announced Tuesday, vote my May 25<sup>th</sup>
- Rachel Maddow was talking about this competition last night and made some remarks, said they were “really really NY”
- Want her to go pick which ad she likes best but really curious what Rachel thinks
- Also posting some honorable mentions, showing 5 more now
- Can’t ignore the greats who lived in this home “Courage is not having the strength to go on; it is going on with you don’t have the strength” Theodore Roosevelt
- We have to get back to activity and do it in a smart way

AP found more than 4500 patients were released from hospitals to nursing homes why haven't you released the survey?

- We had 68k
- Don't know what information we have that we haven't released
- Followed CDC directive
- Any death is an unfortunate death but this has been a national and international tragedy, learning from
- Politics makes no difference to me there is no politics here but we are still in an election year and people are playing politics
- To the extent people want to politicize this issue, we followed the President's agency's guidance
- That is an attempt to de-politicize it

The three regions what opened likely that they will open phase 2?

- Said two weeks, that is not a hard and fast number
- That is what experts say is the time that you would see infections
- You could accelerate that
- Phase 2 is more of a judgement call, phase 1 is more straightforward
- Don't have a hard set of numbers
- Preparing guidelines, if we don't see uptick and you still have a green light you can move

Executive order allowing gatherings of up to 10 people, do you think that will increase infection rate?

Were you pressured by lawsuit?

- Shouldn't increase infection rate that is CDC guidelines, it all depends on how people act
- Didn't even know about the lawsuit on this one

Just because you can, should you have a gathering?

- This is all risk reward you have to make that judgement
- Governor has an operational role; I give information and ask the public to exercise diligence and judgement
- If you don't have to be in a group, don't

Considering rising rates in other states where there is a lot of travel to NY since those regions don't have it under control, would you consider anything? Is there anything in toolbox? What are you doing to prevent a second wave?

- Don't think legally one state can bar residents from entrance, also don't think it is good policy
- That's how we go here in the first place, still outraged that we got infected from Europe, no one told us, that is still mindboggling to me
- All these experts, no one realized the virus left and went to Europe? Still mind boggling
- A state government doesn't have the capacity to close its borders to other countries, Feds must do that, also doesn't believe state can close borders to other states, doesn't even think the federal government could do that
- Must control the infection, that is with testing and tracing