

Deaths: 230 (total 19,645)

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

- Total hospitalizations are down (basically flat) weekend reporting can be a little erratic, this is a new system of reporting but better than going up
- Intubations is down
- New hospitalizations are also down
- Deaths: 230 (203 in Hospitals, 27 in nursing homes)
- We are coming down the mountain, questions are what path do we take? How fast do we come down, but our actions can change that?
- Key is to test, trace, isolate to control the infection rate
- Our reopening plan defines the steps and responsibilities to open intelligently
- Basically, a mathematical equation
- Have to be smart, base things on facts and logic
- Going through devastating and costly moment in history (substance abuse, mental health, domestic violence)
- We endured the pain, lets benefit from the gain, have to learn and grow and ge the better for it
- Build back better, we did that after 9/11 and hurricane Sandy
- Need a better public health system, tele-medicine, public transit (tonight shutdown the subways for the first time ever)
- Reimagine education, there is a lot that can be done, exploring different options with technology
 - How can we use technology to provide more opportunities to students no matter where they are?
 - How can we provide shared education among schools and colleges?
 - How can technology reduce educational inequality, including English as a new language student?
 - How can we use technology to meet educational needs of students with disabilities?
 - Howa can we provide educators more tools to use technology?
 - Howa can technology break down barriers to K-12 and colleges and universities to provide greater access to high quality education no matter where these students live?
 - Given ongoing socially distancing rules, how can we deploy classroom technology, like immersive cloud virtual classroom learning, to recreate larger class or lecture hall environments in different locations.
- State will work with the Gates foundation to convene experts and develop a blueprint to reimagine education in the new normal, revolutionizing education
- Reopening, there is a deeper question being debated and decided, question is “how much is a life worth?”
- There is a cost of staying closed, economic, personal, also a cost of reopening quickly
- Either option has a cost
- The faster we reopen, the lower the economic cost but the higher the human cost
- The projection models have doubled the number of expected deaths because of reopening acceleration
- FEMA has increased from 25k to 200k the number of daily cases by June
- The IHME projection model had projected ~60k deaths in April, the new projection is 134k deaths

- Revisions reflected rising mobility in states and easing of social distancing (IHME director)
- More people in contact with other people, the higher the infection rate, we know that, that is why projects are going up
- That is the hard truth we are dealing with, let's be honest and open about it "how much is a human life worth?"
- That is the real discussion that no one is admitting
- To me, a human life is priceless
- But let's be open about the decisions we are making
- And let's be factual, production and unites
- The federal government must work now better than ever and they must be able to pass bi-partisan legislation
- Partisanship is unacceptable, this will determine if people live or die
- If you don't pass legislation, federal government doesn't work and if federal government doesn't work then state and local governments don't work
- Facts are important, president said "blue state bailouts are unfair to republicans..."
- There has been no aid to state and local governments, they fund police, fire, teachers, healthcare workers
- States are in dire financial circumstances
- Every state, including NY, needs federal support to weather this storm
- The mismanagement of blue states for decades that they want us to bail out-this is not a fact
- It is the federal government, not the state government
- We need help because of the coronavirus, how do you call that a bailout?
- This is not mismanagement by the states, mismanagement has been by the feds and has gone back decades
- NY has been continuously shortchanged by the government, have always received less than they put in for decades
- Democratic states are the top 5 donor states (NY, NJ, CT, MA, CA); receiving states: Virginia, Maryland, Kentucky, Alabama, Florida
- NY since 2015-paid \$116B more than it took, just give us that back
- Stop the partisanship and politics, it is counterproductive for everyone
- If you don't pass a bill you won't get the economy back on its feet
- It's not "you" or "me" its "we"
- This virus kills Americans, not Democrats or Republicans
- If we can't put politics aside now than when?
- "a house divided against itself cannot stand" Abraham Lincoln
- Each of us must do our part, wear a mask, it is the smart and right thing to do, it isn't about you, it's about protecting others, it is not such a burden
- No one is doing this because government told them to do it, I can give the facts but NYers have to agree to do this
- Asking NYers to produce an ad about why to wear a mask, will pick the 5 best, then NYers will pick the best and it will be run. (Mariah Cuomo will volunteer to take part in this)
- Wearthemask.ny.gov if you want to take part

Q&A:

Can you comment on nursing home deaths, increasing numbers?

- You have two categories, confirmed deaths and probable/presumed deaths
- Some have combined the two, some keep them separate
- We asked nursing homes to provide updated information
- Confirmed deaths are in official tally, now putting up both categories
- Now asking them to separate those

If someone goes from nursing homes to hospital does that go to NH or hospital?

- That goes to a hospital
- Have to take these numbers with a grain of salt, what is a presumed death? What about at home deaths? Have to have a caveat with all of these

When you look at nursing homes why weren't steps taken earlier, are there mechanisms that could be done?

- Nursing homes are the most vulnerable places, said from day one, that is how the nation was introduced to the virus
- What can you do better? I don't know, something we are studying, we did some harsh things here, no visitors, how can you do that?
- Do everything you can, but if there are things we can learn from and do, we will
- Some have gone to hospitals but can't turn hospitals into nursing homes
- If nursing homes can't handle patient, nursing homes have to say that
- Nursing homes have to know what their limits are, we have alternatives
- No visitors, 12 hours temp checks, PPE for staff

What do nursing home staff do if they can't get PPE?

- We have provided 100's of thousands is not millions of PPE, we have been working to backfill
- Everyone wants to point at nursing homes, they are doing phenomenal work, everyone is doing everything they can do
- Nursing homes, if coronavirus gets in, just takes one person to bring it in

When you are talking about re-opening what do you say to people who say metrics are unrealistic and will keep NYC closed for a long time? Also, what do you see subway looking like?

- We didn't create, they are best practices
- Come from experts
- Alternative is not to follow measurements because you want to reopen, that is the emotion over the logic, question will be do you want to reopen even if it's not safe?
- How many more deaths are you willing to sustain to reopen quickly?
- There are costs, this is a tradeoff, how many more people will die
- We will reopen when it is safe, it depends on what we do
- You can take precautions on the subways, but I don't think it is possible to stay 6 feet apart

When do you expect NYC and downstate to hit the metrics, what happens if after reopening numbers go up?

- If numbers go up, you backtrack, ideal is you reopen slowly and adjust
- More intelligent is a modulated reopening so you can watch the numbers
- I don't know when we hit the metrics in NYC? I don't know, no one knows
- Our behavior is a direct coefficient, it matters what you do today
- We don't know the rate of decline

The president specifically said the states have been mismanages, what role do you want feds to play, what about rolling back taxes for those who came to work?

- A lot of things we would love to do, need federal money to fund schools in dire financial need
- I get the politics of the Senate, I get partisan politics, understand the polarization but we in NY got a job done in a bi-partisan way
- President has to be the compromiser here, can't ask the house to pass another piece of legislation that doesn't not help the states, congress can't be forced to savage their own states, either he bridges the gap or he will fail

COVID like syndrome that effects children-

- We will have something on that tomorrow, Zucker has been looking that this

Can you assure commuters that 24-hour service I'll come back?

- Yes, when the pandemic is over

Do you think this is political or personal for the President?

- We were doing great before this, nothing to do with decades of mismanagement

- The issues are that the NY has been subsidizing the federal government for decades
- I don't think the president started this, the republicans in the Senate said that they shouldn't give money to blue states.
- If NYers did that we would stop paying federal taxes
- President now articulated that theory in the NY Post
- If he is adopting that, I think it is partisan, divisive and self-defeating
- Congressional members from NY cannot pass another bill that does not provide help to the people they represent
- President needs to bridge this and if he doesn't, he will have failed as a leader and this nation will suffer
- SALT fight was a partisan fight, had clear disagreement with President, he said the Senate should have fixed it

Last week you said Brazil was an example of how not to reopen, why?

- You can look at many different places, many that have re-opened have seen rebound of the virus, it is learning from their experience
- Don't think we said anything specific about Brazil's plan

We are hearing nurses from out of town are having to jump through hoops, will you extend order?

- Yes, will do that today