

Governor Cuomo 4/11 11AM Press Conference:

Deaths: 783 total: 8,627

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

- Curve continues to flatten, plateauing
- Hospitalization rate down, fewer going in t hospitals but net positive
- ICU admissions, three-day average is down but now that all beds are
- Number of intubations is down, good sign
- Were worried about Nassau, Suffolk and Westchester, have attacked hotspots aggressively, believe we have slowed the spread
- 783 deaths, incredible numbers and incredibly loss and pain
- 8,627 lives lost in total
- When is this over?
- “Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.” Winston Churchill
- Must stay the course, when do we re-open, this is no time for politics, I am Governor and that is where I will stay, working hand and glove with the President
- Focus on Government, keep politics out of it, there are no political conspiracies
- All projections had high projection numbers that we actually experienced, all said government action can flatten the curve if populations follows those actions
- White House task force was talking about 1.5-2.2M deaths, with mitigation 100k-200k deaths
- Estimate has been lowered to 60k
- CDC was talking about 160M-214M people infected, more than half the population
- No political conspiracy theory, uncharted waters, it is too soon for Monday morning quarterbacking because game isn’t over
- So what do we do now?
 - More testing, more advanced testing and faster
 - More prepared, never go through this preparation drill again
 - Federal stimulus bill is key, has to be better than the last, less pork barrel
 - Federal government should repeal SALT to help most affected areas
- NY state court system will engage pro bono lawyers (nyba.org/covidvolunteer) for those who need help, looking for volunteers.
- NY Smart
 - Reopening is a public health question and an economic question, unwilling to divorce the two
 - Understand need to bring back economy, also know we need to save lives
 - Still troubled by what we went through, if no one sounded the alarm in January or February, will anyone sound the alarm now if danger is ahead
 - NYS will put together the best minds to study information on “reopening” experience and possibly “second wave.” Decisions need to be informed.
- NY Pause
 - What we are doing now is as impactful as anything we have ever done
 - Literally life and death, most important period in government
 - How to we reopen?

- How to we rebuild?
- What do we rebuild?
- Didn't we leave lessons?
- Are we better for it?
- Did we seize the moment for positive growth?
- Understand this is painful and there is pressure, understand everyone wants to know when, can't let emotions get ahead of logic
- Enjoy this Holy Week, understand it is different, but it is also the same, not celebrating id different and hard but it is the same message, if you do it from home, and that message is more profound during this situation, you reflect more and think more

Q&A

Mayor DeBlasio canceled school can we get reaction?

- Understand the position, when we made the decision to close we made it for the metropolitan region, so when we did that we spoke to Nassau, Suffolk, NYC and Westchester, any decision to reopen will have to be coordinated, County Execs will have opinions, would like to re-open at same time
- We may follow but have to do it with other localities, he didn't close them and can't open them, we will act on metropolitan basis and ideally with NJ and CT if we can

To clarify for parents?

- There has been no decision, it will be coordinated
- That is Mayors opinion
- Mayor also believe businesses might open in May, also no decision has been made, that will also be coordinated

Outreach by courts to lawyers and services?

- Will have host of legal issues, housing issues, SBA loans, federal programs, have to figure out how to access, court system and NYBA is asking for volunteers, they will put them together with clients

Was extra \$600 a one-time thing and have is \$200 M for SNAP how is it being distributed?

- \$600 will continue through 39-month period, could possibly be after that
- SNAP will go through normal process

Asked about replacing Joe Biden on the ticket?

- That is flattering but irrelevant
- Keep politics out of it, people suspicious of politicians and politics, never felt that or believed it but now it is more important than ever before to keep politics out of it, there is no politics here, I have no political agenda, not running anywhere, I'm staying right here

Would you turn down a cabinet position?

- Did that 20 years ago, no thank you, doesn't know why it is so hard to accept, No President, no VP not going to Washington
- I have the most important job to me that I could have, and more in

Returning to comments on schools and businesses, would that include upstate?

- Education is basically a local decision but this is different, asking a society to stay home
- Direct connect to schools and businesses, does not follow geographic boundaries, how do I tell businesses to close in one area and not another?
- Reject any elected official or expert who says they can tell you what will happen 4 weeks from today, I hear it and accept it but I am not prepared to act on it
- Mayor in NYC thinks we should open business in May, some think 2 weeks some think June, decision must be at a minimum metro area, hopefully statewide ideally regionally

Are you staying it is your legal authority to make decision not DeBlasio?

- In this situation yes, when we did executive order with 180-day waiver, everyone is on same schedule, and when we extend that we extend the 180 day waiver

- Understand the debate, don't understand how you start businesses in may but keep schools closed until June, schools do education but also do daycare effectively for a large part of the population

For parents this may be confusing for parents?

- We just cleared it up, I can't tell you what May and June will look like, will be a metropolitan wide decision, ideally uniform regionally

Do we need to change plan for field hospitals?

- Praying we don't need a single bed in the overflow capacity

Mark Levine noted that that people are being turned away and that is my hospitalizations is lower?

- No that is not the case, we do daily call and there are no reports of that
- Spoke to his office, no one is getting turned away, monitoring on an hour by hour basis, talking to him and his staff
- We have empty beds, they will not be turning people away

Does prison system have capacity to quarantine?

- They can quarantine within prison, total capacity

Are you moving forward with any clemency?

- Not at this time

Albany med nurses said they do not have the PPE's they need-

- We ask every hospital every day what they need, have been getting that to them
- If there is a disconnect between nurses and hospitals, they need to talk to their hospital administrators.