

Deaths: 105 (total: 23,081)

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

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

- Hospitalizations down (5187)
- Intubations is down
- New hospitalizations are down to 246, lower than when we started
- 105 deaths (78 in hospitals, 27 in nursing homes)
- A lot of pain but we got over the mountain
- Now talking about reopening
- Rockland county opening for elective surgery and ambulatory care
- Increased activity only leads to increased cases if precautions are not taken
- Each of us has a role to play, what will happen is a function of what we do
- Shopkeepers, how do they preform, how do employees preform? How do individuals act?
- The antibody testing of essential workers show that PPE works (NYPD, FDNY/EMT, DOCCS, Healthcare Workers, Transit Workers, state police, Office of Court Administration), all lower percentage than general population
- Employees: know your rights; if you believe your employer is not following PPE, hygiene and social distancing guidelines call the NY Coronavirus Hotline: 1-888-364-3065
- Tracing is beginning; and if you get a call from “NYS Contact Tracing” answer that call it is not a scam or a fraud
- Small businesses are struggling
- Extending the sales tax filing to June 22nd
- We adopted a statewide policy for schools, schools have high density and transportation issues, there is a greater risk of spread unless precautions are taken
- Also tracking the COVID-related illness in children
- Now investigating 157 cases
 - Last Thursday-7 countries have reported cases and 17 states and Washington DC have reported cases
 - Today 13 countries and 25 states and Washington DC
- Facts have changed when we talk about schools, there are no experts for this virus
- Not even sure how long after COVID exposure this might occur
- Summer school: will not open state wide for in class teaching, will be through distance learning
- Meal services will continue
- Too early to make determination for the fall semester
- Will issue guidelines beginning of June so schools and colleges can start to plan for a number of scenarios
- Plans to be submitted for approval to state in July
- Downstate beaches that are open 6am-9pm; swimming allowed from 9am-5pm (Jones Beach, Sunken Meadow, Hither Hills, Robert Moses)
- Lake Welch Beach (Harriman State Park) Swimming allowed 10am-6pm
- Must take precautions; 50% capacity, not group or contact activities; social gathering areas closed; social distancing will be enforced; masks required when you cannot socially distance;
- Beaches may reach capacity at 10 or 11am, that is something to take into consideration

- This week is national EMS week, time to thank workers; some gave their lives, very grateful to them

Q&A:

Summer camps that are sleepaway have made decisions to close, what about day camps?

- Guidelines were prepared but with the new illness we are relooking at them (non-sleep away)
- If we can prepare guidelines and DOH feels it can be done safely
- Guidelines were done for daycares
- We are about aggressiveness in NY but caution is they keep changing the facts on us
- Had thoughts if someone had antibodies, they couldn't get re-infected; now that is unsure
- Until we have answer on syndrome in children, I would not send my child to day camp and if I would not I wouldn't ask anyone else to

When we were the early hotspot; some states presented NYers from coming to their states, what do you do at our airports to keep people from bringing in cases?

- You are right the tables have turned; NY's cases are going down
- We don't do border patrol, that is federal law and agents that can stop people
- Questionable what states role is, looking at it, raises legal and policy

New model shows that many less people would have died if stay at order had implemented earlier?

- Think the situation is worse than story suggests, may lose 100k to COVID
- If country knew more and knew it earlier
- We did a China travel ban Feb 1, did a European travel ban March 16th by that time 3 million Europeans traveled to NYS
- Virus was in China in November/December
- NY times didn't call for a shutdown until March 24th, should have been December 31st
- Who knew? The virus was already here. Who should have known? Someone has to answer that question.

What issues would you want legislature to address, have you talk to them?

- Talk to them all along, understand the legislators are working very hard, keeping in touch with the people in district
- Demands in district are very high
- Will discuss whatever needs to be discussed
- Desperate for action from Washington; we will have loss of school aid, healthcare and local governments
- We have to see what Washington does, otherwise we will have to cut about 20%

Update on numbers for COVID related illness cases in children, what does curve look like

- 159 cases, believe it is the tip of the iceberg
- Wouldn't call this s curve, we are in a discovery phase, the more they look the more they find
- From point of infection, how long until the onset of this syndrome, don't believe we have an answer yet, which is frightening; this could mean the antibodies have a negative effect on your system

How can CT open bars and restaurants, what happened to regional concept?

- We are coordinating, we said from beginning that there one be uniformity, different dentary and infection rate
- Don't have uniformity in our state
- It is collaboration; what others do might affect us
- CT had a different reality

When you shut down schools, city and state didn't seem to be on the same page now doesn't seem to be on same page on reopening schools?

- Don't think we are on a different page, I don't have a position, getting information and data
- Give us plans by July and we will make decision for September
- We speak to city 17 times a day, religious gatherings and beaches, been in lockstep

- There are 700 school, when I closed down, if you were to have polled them when I shut down, 550 of them would have disagreed, you will have 700 different positions

COVID syndrome in children, what is breakdown, also work with Rockefeller and genome center?

- Looking for some common denominator among these children
- No recent developments of any significance
- Will get most recent breakdown

Reopening in NYC-

- Don't want to make a mistake now and go back to a spike
- Believe that based on metrics, looking at June reopening (on same page a Mayor)
- That comes down to what people do