

Deaths: 96 (total: 23,487)

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>

- Good morning to all
- At the USS Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum
- Honor the service members who have lost their lives, thank them for their bravery and sacrifice
- Memorial Day is especially powerful at this time of loss
- We will honor them by growing stronger together
- Countless Americans have risen to the challenge and thank our heroes of today
- We will continue to show respect to our frontline heroes not just with words but with action
- We needed them to show up so others could stay home and stay safe
- We are announcing that the state and local governments will provide death benefit for public heroes who died from COVID-19 during this emergency
- I am calling on the federal government to provide dedicated funding for hazard pay for frontline workers
- Also honor the veterans that we lost to coronavirus
- Hospitalizations down
- Intubations is down
- New hospitalizations is down
- 96 deaths (75 in hospitals, 21 in nursing homes)
- We honor the memory of the fallen by living, growing and advancing

Q&A:

When you had required nursing homes to get tested twice a week are you requiring patients to be tested twice a week as well?

- Requirement of staff to get tested twice a week
- We are testing patients
- Want to be able to say we did everything we could
- That is why it is a requirement to test staff
- Testing patients, wouldn't call it a requirement
- Being tested on an ongoing basis
- Need to find it early and isolate and nursing homes are

On death benefits, is it funded by the state? Who is eligible?

- Funded by local or state pension fund
- We have full list of who that it, police, fire, public health, the people who showed up, transit workers...
- These people were scared, we told everyone to stay home and they had to go to work in the morning
- Need to repay them, must show that we are grateful

DeBlasio said NYC could open in June, do you think that is a possibility?

- It's the same criteria statewide, we all know the numbers

- As what point do the numbers drop to the reopening threshold, people can guess, I am out of that business
- When numbers hit the threshold, we are ready to go

Letter from SI elected saying they met the metrics, asking to be separated, is that possible?

- That would mean Staten Island is a place onto itself, it is part of NYC
- Understand areas want to succeed but it is practically part of NYC

Dashboard shows uptick of hospitalizations in finger lakes and central NY, is that due to reopening

- Can expect an uptick, increasing activity you will increase infection rate, it does bounce anyway
- Believe it is too fast to be linked to the reopening

You can hear car traffic is picking up, congestion pricing was supposed to start up in January, do you still want that?

- Hurdle is approval by the federal government
- Some are federal roads, they have to approve
- Have had conversations, why they wouldn't give approval is beyond me

What do you think of when you see pictures of people gathering without masks?

- I am a native NYer, I am born blunt
- On the facts you can reopen without increasing virus spread, be smart
- The masks work, the PPE works, no rational explanation not to use it
- If you don't like the way it looks, paint something on it, get a designer mask
- You can get sick; you can get others sick
- As Melissa said, it's stupid, takes less words
- The numbers go down until you don't wear the PPE and then the numbers go up, which will slow the reopening

On evictions know it was extended to August, new lines added to make tenants prove hardship, do you think that puts the onus on the tenant?

- Should not be evicted if you can't pay the rent
- That doesn't mean if you can pay the rent, don't pay it
- Financial hardship related to COVID
- Can't just not pay because you don't want to

Legislature is coming back to session, could we be looking at legislative package?

- Legislature coming back this week, think that is good
- Been talking to them about this all through this
- Question is what they do, legislatures tend to spend money, problem is we don't have money
- We have a \$13B deficit, looking at cutting Schools, Hospitals and Local Governments 20% unless the feds act
- Any money we spend increases the cuts, it is a zero sum game
- There are a lot of good things I would like to do, money to food banks, money to frontline workers, we just don't have it
- Only wiggle room is maybe we get federal funding, otherwise this will just be home much we cut essential services

Revenue neutral?

- Revenue neutral is great, but has to be smart