

Death: 280 (total 18,844)

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

- Today is Sunday
- Day 64
- Hospitalizations are down (9,786)
- Intubations are down
- New cases are 789, that is good news, we had been hovering between 900-1k, may be due to the weekend, wouldn't bet the farm on any one-day numbers
- Deaths: 280 (251 in hospitals, 29 in nursing homes)
- Important that we take a moment and learn the lessons of what we are going through
- Caution would suggest we should learn so if we have to go through this again, we are learning from what we are implementing
- Overall Marco questions:
  - What happened in China?
  - How did the virus get to the US from China?
  - What could we have done differently?
  - What should we do next time? (assume there is a next time)
- 1918 pandemic came in three waves, second was worse than first, so let's be prepared and intelligent
- CDC did a fascinating report that came out on May 1 that takes a deep look at what happened
- When they look at different strains of the virus, that there are different strains, looking at west coast strains that came from China, what we saw in NY didn't come from China, it is a different strain that came from Europe, that is an important fact
- Feb 139k people arrived from Italy and 1.74M from other European countries where the outbreak was spreading widely and rapidly
- Travel alerts should have been earlier
- Must consider an outbreak anywhere is an outbreak everywhere
- Hospital System
  - Capacity
  - Equipment
- 12 Public hospitals and 44 Private hospitals in NYC, Statewide 20 Public and 176 Private Hospitals
- We enacted the surge and flex management system, manage system as one, patient capacity, equipment, staff, adding beds to form a de facto statewide public healthcare system
- To adequately plan for another potential outbreak in the fall DOH will require that hospitals have to have 90-day supply of PPE equipment during another surge in COVID-19 hospitalizations
- Competition among states, private entities and the federal government confused efforts and drove up prices, it was inefficient and ineffective
- NYS alone buys at least \$2B of medical equipment and supplies this year
- Today we are launching a regional buying consortium with seven states (NY, NJ, PA, MA, CT, RI and DE) which will make us more competitive in the marketplace (PPE's Tests, equipment etc.)
  - Increase market power and bring down prices
  - Identify regional PPE/equipment needs
  - Identify and avoid irresponsible vendors

- Buy American, identify USA, regional and in-state supplies that can scale to meet demand over the next three months
- Develop new in-state suppliers to reduce supply chain risk and drive regional economic development

Gov. Murphy:

- Echo everything you said
- It has been truly an inspiration
- We were in the same boat trying to get equipment, still doing it
- Why not make our own products?

Gov. Lamont:

- NY and Cuomo have been a very good neighbor
- Working together is best
- Let's see what we can do together
- Not only procure but produce
- Control our own destiny
- Thanks for bringing up together

Gov. Wolf

- Thanks for organizing this
- Have been working together to fight this
- Can do a lot more together than on our own
- We need to help our hospitals and healthcare workers
- Part of this is testing
- Need to work together to get the capacity to test
- Can pool financial resources, brainpower and manufacturers
- Thanks for pulling this together, really important

Gov. Carney:

- Positive to see the number in NY trending downwards
- This initiative is so important for a small state like DE
- If we are going head to head with NY we won't get it
- If we do this together we have a better place to get what we need
- The assets from the other states as well
- Couldn't be happier to be a part for this

Cuomo:

- Government needs to perform, when was the last time government was this essential?
- Each of us needs to do our part
- Driving around NYC today, we are all very thankful to our essential workers
- If you really want to say thank you, make their lives easier by not getting sick and not getting other sick
- Wear a mask, that is the basic step (if you can't socially distance)
- People gave their lives for what they did hear, act responsibly, social responsibility

Q&A:

When you talked about the different strain, is it more deadly?

- I don't know, some have said that, but not my expertise
- Some have said our strain was more virulent
- People were coming and no one was screening or looking, nobody was on notice
- We were totally unaware, and then in NYC you have the density and that is the enemy
- Took off like a fire through dry grass

You talk about the road to recovery as being an art form, how much of this is personal observation and how much is gut instinct?

- First, follow the data, spread is a mathematical equation
- Question is how much and how fast is it spreading vs hospital capacity
- Local officials can plug in numbers and see where they are
- Like to stress science because it belies the politics
- The art form is, I have been in Government at many levels, bring educated gut to it, I bring an educated gut to it and stick to the science
- My gut say people will take false comfort, weather getting warmer, other states reopening
- We are not out of the woods, we are a very dense environment
- It is not going down, we are bringing it down, NY'ers pulled the curve down
- There is a big caution sign
- To not wear a mask is disrespectful, you put so many people at risk because you didn't want to wear a mask
- We are individuals who live in a community

A lot of people in parks and beaches, is there enough enforcement of social distancing?

- Ideally you stay indoors, you can't do that forever and the weather is nice
- Getting outside is good, stay socially distanced and wear a mask, that should keep you safe, that assumes people around you are acting responsibly
- If I don't wear a mask and sneeze on a park bench and you put your hand down and wipe your face, you have a problem because of me
- I know NYC and Mayor have made a huge effort, should be enforced
- People are doing unprecedented things, and you can't wear a mask?

NYPD said there were 46 summonses yesterday, is that enough?

- People will comply because they know the facts, can't keep 19M people from doing anything
- This is a new level we are asking people to undertake, won't happen because of law enforcement but they have a roll
- Best enforcers are other NYers, think they will let people know

Lessons learned, is something on PPE and equipment, is it time to rethink globalization policies?

- Don't think you need to changed globalization policies
- This is an emergency service, like having salt in a snow storm
- That we have to go to China for PPE? Couldn't get it in this nation
- That is a national security issue
- Think about it, Robert Kraft had to send a private plane to China?

When might overnight subway service return?

- When the pandemic ends, don't have a choice, most of these issues we don't have a choice
- Had to do this for the essential workers
- Public transit must be safe and this case, safe means clean
- Have to close from 1-5AM, ridership is down, that is the lowest period
- People also have to have confidence in system

With the Regional Consortium, are you confident the Feds will continue to or is this because that help is not coming?

- It is clear from the Feds that it is up to governors
- Will take any help they can give.