

3/14/20 Gov Media Call

Missed 1st ten minutes waiting to connect – also, please excuse my misspelling of emphysema throughout.

Main announcement was waiving co payments for tele health visits to reduce in person

117 of 524 are hospitalized. First case in Tioga and Tompkins County. We had a death in NYC hospital of 82 year old woman, came into hospital on March 3. Context here important. 82 year old with emphysema for which she was previously hospitalized. Contracted corona on top and passed away. If 82 with emphysema and contract normal flu, you are gravely ill.

Yesterday was a big step forward for state on testing. Testing capacity is important because it is helping us ID positives and quaranting.

What is the improvement. Asked VP Pence to go back to Feds and get FDA and CDC out of mandatory approval business, break bottle neck and let States use authorities. That is a very big modification in protocol. That will enable NY to go to labs and dramatically increase testing capacity.

As testing capacity goes up, number of positive cases go up. That doesn't mean percentage increase in number of cases, you're just identifying what already exists.

Where in LI is drive thru test facility and how many testing in NR

Cuomo: yesterday did 150 vehicles in NR. Looking at Jones Beach as possible spot. Need large open spots.

Stressing relatively low hospitalization. Concerned its now at 20 % how do you feel about capacity
Cuomo: 500 cases of what universe? We tend not to look at day to day numbers, not representative of anything. Rate of hospitalizations is what this is all about. We said we have 2 strategies. Reduce the curve, slow the spread. You're not going to stop the spread, it's already spread. Reduce the rate of the spread. Other side of the equation is hospital capacity, trying to reduce rate of spread to rate that hospital capacity can manage. If rate of spread is too high, then you can't manage it in your hospital capacity. Our capacity is about 50,000 beds statewide, about 3,000 ICU beds. Reason I stress ICU beds is because people most likely effected here, these are going to be ICU type cases. Overall hospitalization rate, but also ICU rate, that is the limiting factor here. 80% of ICU beds are now occupied. How do you, can you reduce rate of spread to level that your hospital system can manage. Yes, concerned about that. The infection rate will be massive at end of the day – we know that – world leaders have said 50-60 % of population will get it. At what rate? And can you slow? That's what I'm looking at every day. Right now I do worry about hospital capacity. That's all Dr. Fauci is talking about. Talking about reducing "rate of the spread"

Schools- other states closing schools. What is your position now seeing other schools for two weeks?

Cuomo: Again, first, local flexibility at this time. Localities detect that it could be helpful to their community, they have ability to do that. If State concludes specific district should close, we do it. NR we

closed. Differing medical opinions if children are carriers, parents comforted if kids stay home, seeing declining attendance. But, if you close schools, you hinder the workforce. Education system is a daycare system in many ways. If the parent is a nurse, or 1199 member, that's a problem. If reduce capacity of health care system because workers don't come to work to take care of child, you've now created a real problem. Many of these workers don't have child care options. You look at the types that don't have child care, you're talking about health care, first responders, transit, police, fire. Essential workers for society. Significant negatives, may be significant positives, but that in many ways is a case by case issue.

Should death of woman in NYC, considered first COVID 19 death? NR, told to quarantine until March 9, then to March 14. Is that being extended again?

Cuomo: given current media perspective and societal perspective – 82 year old woman had virus and long suffering emphysema. Is it accurate to say she had the virus and passed away? Yes. Is it also accurate to say she was long suffering emphysema, 82 years old, and had the virus and passed away? Yes. If you are 82 and have emphysema and get the flu, you are in grave situation. We have many people who get the flu, and pass away due to many underlying conditions. It is the first death of a person who had the coronavirus with underlying symptoms.

We've had as many as 7K quarantined. Now down to 2K because it's cyclical. We had the spike of quarantine number when flights came back from other countries. For the specific on Young Israel, believe quarantine was extended. Don't believe we have extended beyond March 14, Zucker confirmed this.

Regarding Westchester quarantine – how many under quarantine? How being enforced given rumors that some have not abided.

Cuomo: If you are under mandatory, then a local state official comes to your home on a daily basis and makes sure that you are in the home and checks on your well being. Comes at random times, so you have to be home. Precautionary – you aren't under mandatory, but we ask you to stay home. Not policed same way. You are contacted electronically on random basis daily with electronic communication confirming you are in your home. We have had reports of people who violated mandatory. No confirmation of violations. Civil and potentially criminal penalties, but none that have been imposed. Zucker confirmed this.

Nursing home in Cortlandt with positive case – any more details?

Cuomo: I don't have more info.

Zucker: We are looking into report and will do epi investigation. Following up on all nursing homes.

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Slow the spread to a rate the healthcare system can manage. You can make efforts to slow the spread because real question is can your health care system manage the influx of patients. You get into trouble when health care system can't manage intake.

You test to slow the spread. Made great progress on testing. President's agreement to allow NYS to do own testing is great.

Roche does automated testing. Can't just be a couple companies doing automating testing nationally.

Reduce density.

Dr. Fauci – flatten the curve, reduce the rate. High point is reduced so health care system can manage. Curve is a wave, and wave could break on hospital system.

Preparing for tomorrow and that's what everyone should be focused on. Looking at new war no one has seen. Never fought a virus like this with this potential consequence.

Assume you can't reduce the wave and assume it breaks at higher level than hospital system can accommodate. I believe that is what is going to happen.

Presently 80% of NYS ICU beds occupied. That means several hundred available. Overwhelming crush is going to be on ICU beds. 3K goes very quickly on these projection of numbers.

Maximize existing hospital hospitals. Build more. Get more staff, develop a reserve staff because health care workers will get sick. Find docs on reserve and purchase equipment.

Ventilator makes the ICU bed. They are expensive and scarce. You can't find available vents no matter how much you are willing to pay. Free up beds in hospitals. How? Could get to a point you cancel elective surgeries. Or develop a new facility and move patients.

How can you build capacity now? It's never been done. It takes years to build a new hospital. It takes years to repurposed closed facilities. It takes billions of dollars. But, an area you have to explore is can you build more capacity now.

Been talking to private businesses. Asking them to aggressively consider work from home and voluntary closings as a social responsibility and protection of workforce.

Depending on what businesses do voluntarily we could take mandatory actions. If need be, we can calibrate up the mandatory requirements already put in action. Rather than 50% of occupancy it can be 40 or 30%. Not taking that action now. If not done voluntarily, then I would increase mandatory.

Non essential state personnel from Rockland County south asked to stay home. Why? That's the area of highest density of cases. You calibrate actions to data and the science.

NYS court system: spoke to chief judge and asked to come up with plan that keeps essential services operational, but non essential services that can be postponed, do so. Don't jeopardize criminal justice, family integrity. Plan will be announced tomorrow.

Schools: open or close? Number have closed. Not easy to close the schools. For many families school is child care. If children are home, large percentage of workforce may say I have to stay home and care for children. Most families don't have a caregiver at home. We also have essential workers that have to go to work. Police, fire, health care. We can't have 1199 workers not coming to work. Sound simple, but it's not. How do you feed the children. For many, breakfast and lunch two main meals. How do you distribute. If you can address those concerns, then yes, close the schools. These concerns can be addressed. Up to locality to come up plan to do it. Speaking with Nassau, Suffolk, and Westchester. They are interested in closing.

Jim Malatras will work with these counties to help take care of these concerns.

Numbers: 5272 tested; Newly tested: 442 (since last evening). We've had 3 deaths total. 79 year old woman with multiple underlying health care issue. 137 out of 729 (19%) hospitalized. 65 in ICU; 46 intubated.

Every year 10s of thousands die from flu. We say they died from flu, but they had many underlying conditions.

Open letter to Trump: we know what is going to happen because of data and projection. It is going to be a wave that at any of these projections will overwhelm the health care system.

Asked on testing: FDA has to get out of way on automated testing capacity. Let us approve more companies.

Second: the Feds has to provide help and guidance on what to do and when to do it. Can't be a national policy of every state does it's own thing. NYS closes stores, ok NJ doesn't. What did I do – I just sent thousands of vehicles into NJ flooding NJ stores. You can't do this ad hoc. Make a decision, tell states this is decision, then lets go. If schools need to be closed, help us: where do we get child care, meals, money to buy food. We could do through increased SNAP, but Fed is intrically involved. Don't pit states against each other.

Going to need more hospital capacity. Need more facilities. Need ways to free up beds. Acquire thousands of pieces of equipment quickly. I can't do that. I don't have resources or capacity. Only one workforce that can do that. Army Corp of Engineers and military assets. That's what they do. They have personnel, trucks, equipment, purchasing power. Have them come in right now, ID facilities that can be retrofitted, and use them to do that.

China built hundreds of hospitals in a month. How? Gov't came in and did it.

I can't do it. I don't have resources or capacity. I'm aggressive Gov. I push very hard. No way we could manage this undertaking. Army Corp of Engineers – they are amazing. What better time to use those resources? Makes all the sense in the world. We have no options.

Otherwise, weeks from today will sit here with health care system overrun.

DeRosa: DMV moving to appt only.

Does it make sense to bring Legislature and staff back here this week?

Cuomo: Gov't is an essential operation to manage this situation. That's like saying, in a war, when people might get killed, does it make sense to send soldiers. Should the Congress not show up. The military? You're asking nurses to show and do their duty. Put on hazmat suit and take blood. If we can ask them to do that, we can ask elected officials to come sit at a desk and vote on bills. Legislators should take all precautions, but I need them to authorize laws and regulations. Gov't goes home? None of this happens.

Should NYC be shut down?

Cuomo: Talking schools, businesses or streets? We started closing down businesses with our 500 gatherings and 50% occupancy. Anyone ignoring is violating the law. Should we get more aggressive in shut down? We are looking at that daily. If people are not enforcing the law, then yes, I will get more aggressive on mandatory regulations. Asking them voluntarily today. At one point, people actually react reasonably and responsibly. Don't go into bars.

Clarify what you want Leg to do this week?

Cuomo: want them to do their job. Want Congress to do their job. I want judges to do their job. I want my team to do their job. This is why you are in gov't. If you didn't want to be here, you shouldn't have run for office. This is the essence of what we do.

Guidance to legislators about closing their office?

Cuomo: offering same guidance I'm offering other people. Be smart.

Older lawmakers, should they be putting health at risk?

Cuomo: Should the state workers? Nurses be putting their health at risk? It's not like legislators are working in a hospital. You're sitting at a desk reading paper. Be in a bigger room.

Do you want budget done this week?

No. April 1 is the deadline.

Can Legislature vote remotely?

Cuomo: don't know if it's a possibility. Everyone is going through this. Not in a high risk occupation. They could come here and do administrative work. Reason I have difficulty with this concept. I'm having people go into hospital ER, go into people's home to take blood from people. Compared to what we are asking people to do in public service.

You've had hundred of people walking into every building who are positive. People are going to get sick. Many people are going to get the virus. We're not talking about Ebola here. Don't panic. Don't shut down everything. Don't shut down operation responsible for handling the situation.

Contradictory information?

Cuomo: 50% of occupancy rate of this building. Not limiting occupancy of people in this building. 50% of rated occupancy of a room. By your reasoning, you'd have to close the Congress, the WH, the Fed agencies.

Cuomo: want to pass a budget early, great.

Cuomo: it doesn't go skinny fat. Would not rush an issue we aren't ready to do. Don't want to sign bad legislation. Complex issue not thought through, fine. But 99% of these issues are fully thought through. It's yea or nay, they just don't want to say either way.

Should stick around after budget passed?

Cuomo: yes, they should do their job.

Fed intervention: what if Corp came in?

Cuomo: Worked with them at HUD. Used them to build housing on Native American reservations. I have SUNY dorms. Come in, take my dorm, retrofit it for medical facility. Then I'll contact and find excess staff for that dorm. We have properties and buildings. I would do any of these buildings. I just don't have the capacity to facilitate that. The only gov't that builds if the Fed.

Capacity differential could be between number of ICU beds we have (80% occupied, that means we only have 600 beds.). We have 65 in ICU today, and we only have 600.

Zucker: goes to modeling we are working on on spread of disease. That will help us to determine what we will need.

Cuomo: non scientific answer: you need thousands. You're going to be thousands short.

Cuomo: you can't purchase more vents. We have 3,000 vents. You will need thousands more.

New death? De Blasio said Wyckoff (zucker did not confirm)

Zucker: one elderly patient, ID'd yesterday with multiple medical conditions. Was in NYC hospital. We don't give out hospital names.

Cuomo: last point I want to stress: you will not be able to flatten the curve to avoid the wave. You will be short thousands of ICU beds. Thousands of vents. Only way to rectify is Army corp to retrofit. No place for politics. This is about Americans protecting American lives. Will work in full partnership with Pres on this issue. Ask him to take this issue seriously. This is an unprecedented time. Great challenges require great leaders and great solutions. That's what this is.

Governor's 10:45am press conference

- **Cuomo**
 - Numbers are accelerating. Actions are accelerating.
 - This is a national problem. It cannot be done in a piecemeal method. You need Federal parameters to stop the national patchwork of social distancing. It's chaos right now. There is no clear direction. The Federal government must set guidelines for schools, travel, businesses etc. A scramble of State and local governments doing it on their own is counterproductive. It allows "State shopping" so people can go to another place with less restructure rules. That is the last thing we want.
 - All the local governments in NYS must have the same policy to prevent this issue within the state. You cannot "shop" NYS vs. Nassau vs. Westchester. One set of rules for the entire state. It should be one set of rules for the entire nation.
 - States have to try their best in the absence of Federal guidelines. We are cooperating with surrounding states. Very hard to do. We have set a template with NYS/NJ/CT. We are adopting the same policies so there is no benefit to try to "shop" among these states.
 - **NYS/NJ/CT actions**
 - No crowds/gatherings larger than 50.
 - Casinos/gyms/theaters close 8pm tonight. Stay closed until further notice.
 - Bars/restaurants close at 8pm tonight. NYS—State Liquor Authority (will issue new rules by 5pm) to allow takeout from bars/restaurants. Only available during this period.
 - **NYS actions**
 - NYS will waive all park fees in State/local/county parks.
 - All local governments must reduce their workforce by 50% at minimum.
 - Every local government must provide their local police departments and EMS with masks
 - NYC/Nassau/Suffolk/Westchester/Rockland must have childcare, meal service, and education plans in place by midnight. NYS will approve plans.
 - Can't afford to lose healthcare workers and first responders because they don't have childcare options. Leave a couple of schools or parts of schools open for childcare.
 - Strongly advise (not yet mandatory) that only essential businesses stay open past 8pm
 - Grocery stores, gas stations, pharmacies etc.
 - Phenomenal increase in testing
 - Up to ~7000 tests per day by the end of this week
 - Drive thru testing
 - Opened first in New Rochelle. Working well.

- Allotted 15m per care, but currently running ahead of schedule
 - Best way to test because you risk getting infected in the ED
 - Will open another on Long Island and Staten Island
- **Plan forward**
 - Mitigation phase—must expect a significant inflow into the healthcare system
 - Flatten the curve is the goal, but a wave is going to break on the hospital system.
 - I believe we have had the most effective response in the US, but I don't believe we are going to be able to flatten the curve enough to meet the capacity of the healthcare system.
 - The President must use the Army Corps of Engineers to build medical capacity. Build temporary facilities. NYS doesn't have this capacity.
 - Because we have a private healthcare system, it doesn't build capacity that they don't need because it isn't economical. That's every state in the US, not just NYS.
 - We know what lies ahead. We've seen what happened in China and Italy. Extend the current trajectory and compare it to our hospital capacity—it's still math at the end of the day.
 - Fallback state preparedness to build backup medical facilities
 - NYS organizing national guard, building unions, and private developers to find existing facilities that could be most easily adapted to medical facilities (e.g. dormitories, former nursing homes)
 - Very hard to get medical equipment right now because everyone is trying to buy the same things. Army has stockpiled equipment.
 - Asking local governments to identify a number of beds in facilities that are available for conversion
 - NYC – conservative estimate is that we should identify 5,000 additional beds
 - Nassau – 1,000
 - Suffolk – 1,000
 - Westchester – 2,000 beds
 - Suspending DOH regulations to allow hospitals to increase space
 - NOTICE: We may soon cancel elective surgeries. We are not doing it now. Non-critical elective surgery may be canceled on a mandatory basis.
 - Michael Dowling and Ken Raske will be heading a council to develop hospital “surge capacity”
- **Tests**
 - 7000 tests total. 221 new cases. 950 cases total (most of any State). Westchester still disproportionately large.

- 158 hospitalizations out of 950 cases (17%)
 - 7 deaths
 - NYC – 463 total cases, 134 new cases.
- **Q&A**
 - Can you elaborate on gyms? Did you confer with Mayor de Blasio? He was at the gym this morning.
 - Cuomo: You can be at the gym until 8pm tonight.
 - What's the overall projection for people who could potentially get this in NYS? What's the total projection for beds?
 - Cuomo: Google that question and you will get a range of 40% to 80% of the population. Use the 17% hospitalization rate and compare it to 50,000 hospital beds.
 - What are the plans in place for workforce?
 - Cuomo: 50% reduction for State and local government workforces
 - *Couldn't hear the question*
 - Cuomo: We are the tristate area. We have the most interaction. We all adopted the same policies. I don't ever remember this happening period.
 - Do closings preempt De Blasio's orders last night?
 - Cuomo: This preempts any order anywhere in the state. Feds can override State rules.
 - Why not have a blanket policy for schools statewide?
 - Cuomo: We will. We want a uniform policy after they are all closed. Want to make sure every school district is preparing for child care, food service, educational plans etc.
 - Melissa de Rosa: 86% closed Statewide for at least two weeks. Will close the remaining 14% by Wednesday. More specifics to come.
 - Have any confirmed cases self-resolved?
 - Cuomo: Sure. 169k cases worldwide, 77k have resolved.
 - Howard Zucker: 16 have been discharged from the hospital. I'm sure there are many out there have gotten it, not been tested, and self-resolved.
 - What's going to happen to the budget? Should there be a rainy day fund?
 - Cuomo: There should be a rainy day fund set aside. There should be a snowstorm fund set aside. There should be a fog fund set aside.
 - I asked for a re-estimate of the revenues. The world has changed since we did our initial forecast. My best guess is that our forecast was outrageously high. How much less tax revenue will we get? How many people will be laid off? There is no doubt that revenues are going to be way down.
 - MRT is coming back. We now have a new complication. The Federal government has passed the first coronavirus bill. They're now passing a new bill where NYS gets the lowest level of reimbursement. Only 50% of our Medicaid funds get reimbursed. In raw dollars, we do very well, but that's only because we spend more than anyone else. In that bill, they tucked in a provision that says you can make no changes whatsoever to your Medicaid program. That means the

- MRT's changes cannot be accepted because of that Federal bill. Why our New York delegation allowed that, when they knew we had the MRT, I have no idea.
- Mujica: The Federal bill basically means the MRT can't do anything they need to do.
 - Cuomo: That affects the deficit. I spoke to Senator Schumer and Congresswomen Lowey and Speaker Pelosi that this makes it impossible to do our budget and that they need to change it.
- Assembly and Senate have canceled session until Wednesday. Does that impact the bills you want passed?
 - Cuomo: No. Wednesday is fine. They do need to pass the paid leave bill so workers in quarantine can be paid. That has been postponed.
 - Unemployment benefits – takes several days to hear back.
 - Cuomo: I have not heard that, but I will check.
 - We've applied for Medicaid waivers in the past. Can we do that?
 - Cuomo: How can we pass a budget contingent on a waiver? Even a successful waiver would take longer than the budget deadline.
 - *Question about the percent of population infected*
 - Zucker: We're working on estimates of number of infections w/various associations.
 - Cuomo: Hospitalization rates tend to be predictable. They can't tell you the overall rates.
 - How does the closure of restaurants/bars affect De Blasio's orders?
 - Cuomo: This overrides it.
 - Bail reform and marijuana legalization will still be in the budget?
 - Cuomo: Yes. We're still out here doing our job.

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Cuomo: No doubt that when states can work together well it makes all the difference in the world. It's fair to say we need Fed govt to do a better job. Has to step up. Been behind since day one. It's inexcusable. States don't have capacity or power to make up for Fed gov't. Two areas they should be most helpful: closing to reduce density (right now a hodgepodge). Second: hospital capacity. We're going to have a real problem when we hit the apex and hospitals can't handle the capacity. Need Army Corp now.

I'm in charge of my state, so I make sure all the rules are the same in my state. Nassau can't do different than NYC. If you keep open in one, people will drive. Also true among states. If I take actions or Gov Lamont takes actions, people can drive to neighboring states. We've agreed to common set of rules that pertain to all of our states. Believe we are only region in country that has done this. Regional coordination at minimum is imperative

AGREEMENTS: no gatherings over 50. Casinos, gyms, movie theaters, bars will close at 8 p.m. tonight.

Gov Murphy: Echo many of things you said. I've also had good conversations with PA gov as well. We're going to get through this as one family assuming we all do our part. Work isn't up to some of it, but all of us. Includes media, working non stop to keep the public informed. Later today will go into Jersey agenda, which is in concert with NY and CT. Will announce closing of schools later. Want everyone to be home, not out. Businesses necessary to public welfare, will stay open after 8 p.m. All non essential businesses must remain closed after 8 p.m. During business hours, only businesses with less than 50 people can open. Online gaming will continue. Restaurants can open for delivery only. Just because you don't feel sick, doesn't mean you aren't carrying the virus.

Gov Lamont: We are in this together. NR infections came right through Fairfield county. Virus knows no boundaries. Looking around country and world to see what we can learn. Strong social distancing used to flatten the curve, saved lives. France and Italy, more free society, weren't as successful and overwhelmed the hospital system. Pictures of Disney, packed until closed last night. Our bars and restaurants were busy last night. That's why we are working together on a regional basis. Stay home. Over 60 or 70 stay home. In terms of restaurants, looking at takeout and how we can support them. As we close last of schools today, looking at free and reduced lunch students and how to support. Looking at public health workers – let them know their kids are taken care of so they can take care of us. Scholastic – partnership to help keep kids learning. We've got to work through this together. We're the ones trying to add capacity to our hospitals. We're the ones trying to secure vents and masks.

Cuomo: faster and better societies closed down, the sooner they opened. When we say these facilities close at 8, they will remain closed until further notice. We will coordinate opening date.

Q/A

Regarding call for Army Corp, is it possible assuming you don't get that, could Dormitory Authority do?
Cuomo: best way to do is Army corp, this is what they do. They also have the medical equipment. For state to do that, we don't have existing workforce. We could contract out, but it's expensive and you still

have question of medical equipment. It is very, very hard to get this equipment right now. Everyone looking for vents. Fed has stockpile of this stuff. States will be forced to step up if Feds don't.

Murphy: looking at contingency plans in similar light. Call with FEMA this am, but that's more in testing realm. Our biggest need right now is PPE.

Lamont: We're going to need hospital beds. We are woefully short in the region. We do need feds to step up on this.

Transportation / Comms options in all your states. Any conversations about shutting down public transport:

Cuomo: Not in NY

Murphy: looking at capacity on interim basis. Huge focus on hygiene, cleanliness.

Lamont: looking at internet service providers to up capacity, giving incentive to people from telecommute. Ridership is way down on rails.

Is everything closing at 8 p.m.? Can they reopen at 5 a.m.

Murphy: If you're a bar/restaurant, you're closing for eat in at 8p.m. Can only reopen for takeout. In NJ, strongly discouraging non essential travel overnight.

NY: same

Have you tried to reach out to other states for a bigger reach?

Cuomo: WE will try to broaden. CT/NJ/NY is tristate area, we work close. Will reach out to PA, RI, MA

Murphy: already reaching out to PA. Those conversations will deepen.

Lamont: we have same level of communication with MA/RI

Cuomo: Similar cooperation on marijuana in the regionl

Murphy: and gun safety

CDC guidelines on school closures – more downsides then upsides: children staying with grandparents, children of first responders, health care workers. Guidance says data is not there on closing schools

Cuomo: Do it in a way that accentuates the upside and negates the downside. Downside: lose childcare. Essential personnel may not be able to go to work. Crash will be on health care system. We said schools can close, but they must provide child care for essential workers. They must also provide food to children in need.

Lamont: kids while incredibly infectious, while they may not be at risk but high risk for passing it on.

Know how tough it is on parents. That's why coming up with alternatives for kids to stay at home.

Murphy: schools: number one is food security. Thousands of kids in NJ rely on this for only hot meals.

Daycare. Also, 1/4 of kids with no access to a device. None of these decisions are easy, but we believe this is right path to pursue.

Cuomo: closed nursing homes to visitors. In this case, not seeing grandma is best way to show you love her.

Tribal casinos: what if any power do state have to shut down?

Lamont; Gov Cuomo and I talking about. Urging tribes to shut down. But there are legal issues, but urging and think they will do the right thing.

Cuomo: Agreed.

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Situation changes daily now, which is expected. Want to make sure you know as facts change, our strategy changes.

Testing has ramped up and continues to. Will be in thousands per day. Going very well. State managing it's testing capacity. Working with feds to bring on automated testing.

Containment – significant measures to contain. Going well. Tristate strategy which is highly unusual but highly effective. Don't want people shopping different states.

Closed all restaurants, bars, gyms, theaters.

Schools closed for two weeks. 180 day waived. Will evaluate after two weeks.

Phone ringing off hook with local officials saying people are very upset about things being closed. Highest number of calls about bars being closed. Some people upset about schools being closed.

I told local officials, if you are upset about what is being done, people should be upset at Gov. He made these decisions. They are state issued rules, made because best interest of the state. I know people are upset, I know businesses will be hurt. I feel very bad about that. My judgment is do whatever is necessary to contain this virus, then manage consequences after. Buck stops on my desk.

Statewide because we don't want people shopping jurisdiction.

Important that no local gov't puts rules in place without checking with DOH, to ensure consistency.

Mitigation is continuing and is ramping up. Many rumors of quarantine NYC. Not true. Can't happen legally. No city can quarantine itself without state authority. No interest or plan to quarantine any city. We contained NR, which was misunderstood. No one was contained in NR. Containment referred to the virus. All we did was close the schools and places of large gatherings.

Dealing with health care system. This is where we are going to shift emphasis.

Health care: wave is going to crash on hospital system. This is about numbers and facts. Not about prophecies. We have months and months of data on how this virus operates. China: 5-6 months of experience.

We have 53,000 beds, 3K ICU. Right now, hospitalization is around 19%. We have 19 million residents. Spent months with experts about what numbers could do, looking at our rate of spread. What is apex of that curve, what is consequence so we can match to capacity of health care system.

Expected peak is around 45 days. They are expecting as many as 55K to 110K beds will be needed. That is the problem we have been talking about.

As many as 18K to 37K ICU beds expected to be needed.

Why vents? Talking about vulnerable people with underlying conditions. Get coronavirus on top. They need vents. They need ICU beds. That is the challenge. The numbers are daunting?

What are we doing: flatten the curve. Announced dramatic closings yesterday. Possible we do more dramatic closings. Not today, but talking to other governors. Showing that expected flow into hospitals. WE can't manage that flow. Reduce the spread by closing down more interaction between people. You continue to close things such as businesses. Italy got to point only thing open were grocery and pharmacy.

We're not there yet, but we have to get down that rate of spread, because whatever we do on hospital side, we cannot accommodate that demand.

Any rules will be statewide. Hopefully done with surrounding states.

Increase capacity of hospitals? Hospital surge capacity. What is it? Getting the existing hospitals to hold more people. Right now rules and regs on how many people in hospitals, how many people per room.

We are examining entire hospital system. What is maximum capacity per hospital. If DOH waives special requirements, what is capacity?

Meeting today with CEOs: Dowling and Raske leading. Telling hospitals to change headset, this is not how you normally do business. What is maximum we can get into your hospital. What equipment and staff do you need to do that. Going back to retired staff. Asking them to contact us.

Going to medical and nursing schools to get additional personell.

Temporary construction of medical facilities. Working with gov't and orgs across state to set up temp hosp facilities, even if not ICU. Take people from hospitals to temp and backfill the bed.

Working with FEMA, Army, National Guard

10K tested to date. Positive cases up to 1300. Number of counties with cases continues to grow. NY number one in nation. Number of deaths up to 12. 264 out of cases are hospitalized. 19%. Higher than normative rate.

Nassau County opening drive thru testing office today. Open a Suffolk and Rockland drive thru and staten island drive thru. Send Paid Family Leave to legislature today. Believe there is 3 way agreement on it.

Extraordinary time in nation's history. True crisis and confusion. I lived through 9/11. I remember fear and panic.

What does gov't do? Steps up and performs. Does it better than its ever done before. Does not engage in politics or partisanship. Pres. Trump – it's essential that the fed gov't works with this state and vis versa.

This gov't cannot meet this crisis without resources and capacity of fed gov't. Spoke with Trump this a.m. Ready willing and able to help. We need their help, esp on hospital capacity issue. Need FEMA. Need Army Corp.

Told President, who is a NYer, I put my hand out in partnership.

I think the President was sincere in saying he wants to work together. Think actions he has taken evidence that. His team has been on it.

Cuomo: No political thoughts none on postponing elections.

Cuomo: Resistant to nothing. Anything we do will do statewide. Quarantine means you are limiting someone's movement to a geographic area. People will panic at thought of being quarantined. If you quarantine Albany city, they all move to another location.

Childcare: what about daycare?

Malatras: Limit density in those rooms. Asked GNYHA/HANYS to come up with plan. Many SUNY/CUNY have daycare centers. Given no students, workers on campus, an option.

Cuomo: close the schools? Ok, how do essential workers go to work. Close daycare? How do you get to work. There is no such thing as a piecemeal isolated strategy. Has to be comprehensive and statewide. Rumors are not productive. Won't allow localities to put regs in place.

Zucker: we now we have about 4K vents. Part of team with dowling/raske, we are discussing going forward. More available then that, but looking to get more.

Cuomo: you're right, the need could be much higher. Complicating factor is you can't find a vent for sale. Looking desperately.

Cuomo: can't say to private company, you can only sell goods to use. I can do it gratuitously. They are businesses. These are hot products. A vent can be 20,30K dollars.

Why a large range on beds? How you come up with?

Cuomo: that's been the issue for 3 weeks. Today at hospitalization of 20%. Expected peak is somewhere between 55 and 110K. 55K is a problem because we already have people in those beds. 110K is a problem because it's double your total number of beds. ICU is double problem.

Meeting today with Dowling/Raske, is saying to hospital administrators, forget DOH regs, what the max number you can get in facility?

Need more nurses and doctors. DOH has waived certain certifications for nurses and docs so we have available personnel.

School closures continue beyond two weeks?

Cuomo: these are projections. Always a little grain of salt. Doing schools two weeks at a time. Need a uniform period of time.

Cuomo: spoke about entirety of Fed response. Told him what I was looking for. Trump wants to be as cooperative as possible. I believe him when he said this. I believe him when he said he's aware of our situation and our numbers. You have some states in much different situation than ours. I'm gov of NY. I have some counties with one case who think this is much ado about nothing. Trump in same boat. I know he knows our situation. Trump said I will work with you, what do you need. Told him need Army Corp and FEMA and he said ok.

Consider longer than one month hiatus on sales tax

Cuomo: right now our revenues are so bad. I believe he said our revenue estimate was already 4-7 billion higher than even he would estimate. So he's saying we are 4-7 billion high on revenue estimate, which means our budget as we prepared it is possibly overly optimistic. We're not in a fiscal position to further cut taxes.

Mujica: Projections are now off. Comptroller projections based before yesterday's sell off. WE are also tied to Fed PIT date. Our dates travel with them. Fed will have to step in to deal with this. WE will have own liquidity issues if no relief.

You'll have to do a budget with flexibility to make changes as you go. Flexibility to hold payments back.

Cuomo: you pick a point where you believe the revenues will be. Big decision. Budget based on that point – caveat. If revenues below that, we need built in mechanism to adjust the expenditures.

If the curve does not flatten, would you consider domestic travel bans between states?

Cuomo: we have highest number of cases in country. Don't think a lot of people coming this way. People we are worried about are elderly, underlying conditions. FDR: things are going to worse and worse before get better and better and American people deserve to hear it from the shoulder. These are the facts, these are the truth. Knowing the truth is reassuring.

- **Cuomo**
 - Identify new hospital beds
 - Met with all hospital administrators yesterday, increase beds by 50,000
 - Waive DOH regulations
 - Convert facilities: backfill hospital beds
 - Federal partnership is key, the State cannot do this on its own. We can't build new hospitals in 45 days. Spoke with the President yesterday. Agreed with President on cooperation. I'll be meeting with the Army Corps of Engineers this afternoon. FEMA can also be helpful.
 - The President is sending up the hospital ship USNS Comfort, which has ~1,000 beds and some operating rooms. It will be in NYC harbor.
 - We are expediting siting of facilities for temporary build-up
 - **Density reduction actions taken this week:**
 - Voluntary
 - Work from home (I'm asking all businesses to do this if they can)
 - Mandatory

- Closed schools statewide
 - Reduce state and local workforce
 - Tristate agreement to close bars, restaurants, gyms (Pennsylvania will be joining our coalition)
 - **Today we are announcing a mandatory 50% reduction of businesses' workforce across the State (exempts essential services: food, pharmacies, healthcare, shipping, supplies etc). I will issue an executive order.**
 - We've consulted with business organizations (Business Council, ABNY, Partnership for NYC, Retail Council). They're helping communicate this message.
- **Cases**
 - Total positive: 2382
 - New positive: 1008
 - Cases are up because we are testing more. That's why we're working to reduce density.
 - Total tests: 14,597
 - Total new tests: ~1000
 - Highest number of cases in the US (about double Washington)
 - 20 deaths
 - Current hospitalizations: 549 out of 2382 (23% of cases)
 - 204,264 cases worldwide
 - 8,244 deaths worldwide
 - ~80,000 recovered worldwide
 - 108 people have already recovered and been discharged from NYS hospitals
 - The first case—the healthcare worker who came back from Iran—has been recovering at home. She has now tested negative.
 - We know what is going to happen here. People will get ill, they will resolve. We need to protect those who get very ill. We need to avoid panic.
 - My own daughter has a fever, other flu-like symptoms, but has not been tested because she has had no contact with anyone who has tested positive. She will recover at home. I get the drama and anxiety, but all in moderation.
 - Our main scramble right now is for ventilators. This is a national need. GE makes them, Phillips make them. We can make more beds, but the supply of ventilators is the main challenge.
 - **Q&A**
 - Can healthcare workers who test positive go back to work after 14 days?
 - Cuomo: Yes.
 - Are places like Home Depot essential services?
 - Cuomo: We'll put out a list.
 - Do you have a timetable for these restrictions/
 - Cuomo: No, but they'll track the trajectory of the disease. We will relax them as soon as possible. South Korea has shown that more dramatic actions on the front end slow the spread and get you out of it faster.

- Can you explain why shelter-in-place is no longer on the table?
 - Cuomo: I don't believe any policy works unless the geographic footprint is large enough. If you tell me to shelter in Queens, I'm going to go stay with my family in Westchester. It does depend how you do it. You close businesses, transportation etc. When you do it this way (through density reductions) it slows the spread. If it doesn't, then we'll reduce density even further. I would never shut down food, transportation, essential services.
- Will the \$7 billion hit force a cut in spending?
 - Cuomo: That's something we'll have to work out in the budget. We'll have to craft a budget on the best projections we have.
- Are you going to raise taxes?
 - Cuomo: I don't think this is the time to raise taxes. Businesses are closing, people are losing their jobs etc.
- Is the media considered an essential service? Do we fall under the 50% umbrella?
 - Cuomo: Good question. Depends who you would ask. I consider it an essential service.
- Are you looking at this potential cluster in Brooklyn?
 - Zucker: This is new on our radar. We're investigating it.
- Is Westchester a place you're looking at creating new facilities/
 - Cuomo: Definitely. We want to add capacity wherever we have a cluster of cases. NYC is the natural place for it to spread. Westchester was an anomaly, but we responded to it dramatically. We'll increase capacity there and in NYC. We also have a cluster in Nassau now.
- Does the 50% rule apply just to NYS or the other states in the coalition?
 - Cuomo: I have not spoken to them about this yet.
- When do you want to pass the State budget?
 - Cuomo: April 1. If they want to pass it sooner they can. Government is still here. We'll be doing our job.
- Are you meeting with District Attorneys?
 - Cuomo: Yes, we spoke about bail reform this morning.
- *Couldn't hear this question*
 - Zucker: We're still tracking cases in Westchester, but we do think reducing density works.
- Do you expect to sign bills that are passed today (Paid Sick Leave)?
 - Cuomo: I will as soon as they pass it. The provision with protections for employees under quarantine goes into effect immediately.
 - De Rosa: The paid sick leave provisions for all employees of private employers go into effect 180 days after it passes.
- Is NYPD being provided with protective gear? What happens when they get ill?
 - Cuomo: Every police department has been advised to expect people to get ill.

- Philadelphia told police to stop arresting people for certain crimes. Will you do that here?
 - Cuomo: I'll leave that to local departments
- Are the 108 people who have been discharged, are they out of the woods?
 - Zucker: You do build an immunity, sometimes for life, sometimes for years. They are out of the woods.
 - Cuomo: If you test positive, they send you home. You only get hospitalized if you get worse. We've been doing this testing to slow the spread.

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Coronavirus is a war in many wars. Fed gov't engaged in a way that they haven't been previously.

States don't fight wars. Fed gov't has the ability to mobilize the way we need society to mobilize. Spoke with President last night and this am. He is mobilizing. I think that is the best positive sign that the Fed gov't is stepping up to the plate.

This has always been about one thing, reducing rate of spread so health care system can manage. Still just that. Can we get rate of spread down.

Number of hospital beds, amount of PPE, most of all, come down to vents. Up until now, relatively inconsequential piece of equipment.

We have about 6K vents that we can identify. We need about 30K.

This is a nationwide problem. Was on phone with other gov's. Every state is shopping for vents. We literally have people in China shopping for vents. It's a major problem.

Fed Defense Procurement Act – can order companies to produce equipment.

We said we are fighting war on two fronts. Fighting the virus and fear. Two totally different situations. IN many ways the fear is more dangerous than the virus.

Saw on the ground what happens when people panic during Hurricane Andrew. We now have misinformation, fear, panic, which is more dangerous than the virus.

Had a conversation last night with business person from NYC, who I know, was panicked that NYC was going to be locked down, roadblocks, mandatory quarantine. Asked where he heard that. "That's what they say, that's what I'm hearing." I said, I would know because I have to authorize legally. I'm telling you I'm not doing it. Must have taken 25 minutes to slow him down to hear the info.

Clear communication from everyone, media, health care, elected officials.

Numbers have gone up over night. Going to increase density control.

No more than 25% can be in the workforce except essential services.

Increasing hospital capacity. Current 50K statewide. Majority downstate. Zucker putting out new regulations assessing how many more beds we can get by waiving DOH and DFS regulations.

Army Corp was with us yesterday. Looking at sites across the states that can expeditiously be turned into hospitals.

We're going to take bold, but necessary action, offering 90 relief on mortgage payments, waiving mortgage payments, due to financial hardships. Real life economic benefit. Waiving these will not have negative effect on credit report.

Not exempting people from mortgage payments. Just moving those payments to the backend. Waiving late fees, foreclosures. Waiving ATM fees, overdraft fees.

Number of positive cases: 4K, new 1769. Additional counties have been added, moving upstate.

NYS has more cases than WA state, than any state in the nation. Pres understands that state that needs most help.

Tested 22K, tested 7500 people last night. You can't watch these numbers like the stock market and say it's indicator of anything other than the tests we are taking. We were at one time doing 200 tests per day.

Hospitalization rate is very relevant. 777 hospitalized. (think that's what he said)

This manifests on number of levels. Impact is greatest as a social phenomenon. Tremendously disruptive on many levels. Came out of nowhere. Reminds me of 9/11. One moment just changed everything. Changed perspective on everything. Children of school age watched on tv. Not sure parents were coming home. This is a situation like that. It just changes your whole life.

Nobody can tell you when this is going to end. Hard living life with that big question mark. Nobody can tell you when you will go back to work.

You're going to have time with your family, time at home in this busy hurry up world. How do you use that? How do you adjust?

To the younger people, it's so unintelligent and reckless to not heed the stay at home warning. I can't tell me daughter to do anything because there is almost an inverse response to direct action. I used to tell all my daughters Risk Reward.

It makes no sense to go expose yourself to these conditions and expose other people. L

Cuomo: economic consequences is just a big question mark. All lost tremendous revenue. Going to have to figure this out on a national level. Ridership is down on MTA. Going to have to be a national response.

Any plan to save the MTA?

Cuomo: MTA will continue running, they are an essential service. We will have to make due.

Mujica: looking at system. Employees still there, trains still running, MTA part of system bringing essential employees to work. We're looking at entire budget. Going to have to have flexibility to prioritize certain services.

Cuomo: we need health care system up and running. We need docs nurses to get to work. WE need police fire. WE need a transportation system because we need people to get to work. All these functions need to continue. We need to make sure we are operational.

Shelter in place? Considering other stringent containment measures?

Cuomo: I believe words are important. Say what you mean. Level of alarm is higher than I've ever seen. People have idea that NYC may be quarantine, locked in their home. My containment plan in NR didn't contain anyone. It was a bad word. There was no quarantine containment. I called National Guard to help with food delivery and cleaning. We use National Guard every time there is a snow storm, etc. Does not mean martial law. Shelter in place is deceptive. Literally means, in active shooter context, most recently used for nuclear war protection, means find the room in your house with no windows where you would be free from smoking or gases, until you get all clear. If you look at what other places call shelter in place, its what we are doing now.

SF: warning people to only do essential things. Would you consider for NYC or any place else?

Cuomo: shelter in place except go out for essential services, exercising, family members home to help. If I'm going out to help with pets, I'm not in a room post nuclear war. Only 25% of workforce should go to work. Stay home if you have to go out to shop, go out to shop. If you have to help family member, go help. If you have to get outside of house to exercise, then do it. But social distancing, just stay away from people. People in NYC parks, clustered together, don't know what they are thinking. If you are a senior citizen, hyper cautious on all these points. If you look at actual rules, they are virtually identical. It's a scary term, especially if you aren't doing what it means. Mandatory evacuation, but you don't have to evacuate. Then why call it that.

Rumors of positive tests in Kiryas Joel?

Cuomo: I haven't heard of rumors or positive tests.

Cuomo: will get numbers of people hospitalized and in ICU.

Cuomo: Vents: global rush for vents. Literally have people on the ground in China. Can't even buy them in China. Every state is looking for them. That's why Feds need to come in and handle this. Army Corp and state can work together to get beds, but without vents, does me no good. There is a fed stockpile of medical equipment. Suggestion is that stockpile has 12K vents for the entire nation. We have about 6K, we need 30K. It would literally take Fed gov't to say to manufacturers to start making these machines. Fed needs to say we need PPE. When Fed govt start saying you can use a scarf as a mask, it's time to ramp up productions.

Sales tax deadline?

Mujica: looking at deadline, these are for sales prior to the crisis.

Fed bill:

Cuomo: no real money for the State in that bill. I'm glad that Michaela is here with me today. This is a social family issue as well. I'm dealing with it with my family. I think its cooler to be with me than on spring break.

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Preventing an overload of hospital systems. Growth in number of acute cases must match hospital capacity. Watching rate of hospitalized patients, rate of ICU patients, and rate of vent patients closely.

We need more beds. Working on it. Existing hospitals must stretch capacity.

We're canceling all non-critical elective surgeries starting next week.

Instructed hospitals to maximize capacity. Waiving DOH regs. Want to know if you use every available space, how many beds can you fit.

Need more staff.

Supplies a major issue. Asking all product providers, we will pay a premium for these products. If you are a business that doesn't manufacture these items, but you have equipment and personnel, and think you can make them, we will give you funding to do it. Asking businesses to be creative.

Also spoken to state facilities that make uniforms. Can they make masks?

I can't mandate that businesses make something. I can offer financial incentives. Any interested businesses should contact ESD.

Number of companies that have masks and donated them. Offices that are non essential, we need those masks, gowns, and gloves.

Army Corp is here, working with them to build more beds.

Looking at number of large places: Javits, SUNY, CUNY. All under analysis.

Vents are greatest need. Any health dept in State with vent, if you have and not using it, we want it. If you are a regulated health facility, we are ordering you to make available. Call DOH if you have them.

Vents are to this war what missiles were to WWII.

Need to flatten the curve. Best way to do is reducing density. Take it to ultimate step. Going to close the valve because increase in number of cases.

Exec Order: PAUSE: Policies that Assure Uniform Safety for Everyone. We need everyone to be safe otherwise no one can be safe.

Two basic rules: only essential businesses can have workers commuting. Remain indoors to maintain physical and mental health.

100% of workforce must stay home. These are non essential services. Grocery stores, pharmacy, utilities.

This is the most drastic action we can take.

Specific rules for people conduct:

Most vulnerable population: remain indoors, can go outside in solitary, prescreen all visitors, do not visit households with multiple people, wear a mask in presence of others, always stay 6 feet away, do not take public transit unless necessary

What you do is highly affects their health and well-being.

For nonvulnerable: no non essential gatherings, when in public social distancing, outdoor recreation is a solitary recreation, (no basketball), essential businesses must enforce social distancing, sick individuals should not leave home unless to receive medical care, use alcohol wipes.

These provisions will be enforced. These are legal provisions. There will be a civil fine and mandatory closure for any business not in compliance.

Bad information going around among young people

“I can’t get it” – Wrong. 20% of cases between 20-44

“Cant transmit if not symptomatic” – Wrong. You can give it to your parent or grandparent.

We have to do it and be serious. It’s a gov’t responsibility. Everyone has a responsibility to everyone else.

Regional actions: none of these policies work if other states don’t agree. Have been coordinating to greatest extent possible. NY, CT, NJ, PA, DE are working together.

Total positive: 7,102, 2,950 new cases. NY has been very aggressive in number of tests. Ramped up all labs in NYS. Opened drive thru. We have the testing so high right now, we are testing more than China and South Korea.

Finding positives is a good thing because we can isolate.

NY now has 7K, WA has 1K and CA 1K

NY in dramatically different position. NY may well be testing at a multiple of other states.

WE’ve tested 32K people. We did 10K tests last night.

Rate of hospitalization (18%) in NY

Why are we taking dramatic actions? WE know from past history what a locality does, matters. 1918 flu: St. Louis and Philly took different course of action and it made a dramatic difference.

NY has the tightest control of any in the country. 16 days ago we were at 0 daily cases. Today at 2900 cases daily. It more than triples the number of ICU beds we could possibly obtain.

This will cause disruption, businesses to close, I understand this. I accept full responsibility.

Want to be able to say to people of NY, I did everything we could do.

Isolation that people are feeling and the mental health consequences, when we quarantined people, I spoke to many. Physically it was difficult, but they talked about feeling of isolation and how difficult that was. My daughter was in isolation, I was very aware of what she was dealing with. I had some of the best conversations with her that I've ever had. People in small apt, house, worried, anxious. Just be mindful of that.

With all that is going on, I want to protect people in NY. Stopping eviction of residential and commercial tenants for 90 days.

Not a shelter in place order. Words matter. CA does not have a shelter in place. It's used currently for active shooter or school shooting. Order takes effect Sunday evening.

Delivery system of food is essential. Public transit is essential. Have to get health care workers to work.

We said for first time this is not voluntary. We will monitor there will be civil fines. I'm not kidding about this. More than double the capacity of hospitals, more than triple ICU capacity. Only option available is reduce rate of spread. Make sure people follow the regs and guidance.

Speak to what individuals/penalties?

Cuomo: no individual fines at this point. Part of this is young people have wrong information. This is lunacy what they are doing in some parks, some areas. Hanging out, playing basketball. Social distancing means no more than 6 feet. You can't play basketball and stay 6 feet from each other.

Cuomo: I'll pay businesses more, I'll fund a new business to make these products. Doing everything I can to increase production.

Stockpiles: have those been dipped into?

Zucker: we have and are providing to hospitals across the state.

Income taxes?

Mujica: we are tied to federal deadline, we will move with fed gov't.

Cuomo: people got annoyed we used corcraft to make hand sanitizer. They were already making similar product. Hand sanitizer is delivered to prison, mass transit.

Zucker: 35 people have died, primarily senior citizens.

Albany Med, St. Peter's, Ellis have stopped testing. Where can people go.

Zucker; Albany Med is still testing.

Are you still doing community testing statewide?

Zucker: originally, work with health professional. If test is appropriate, we will test you.

Cuomo: protocol: you have to have a fever, a symptom, been in contact.

For a NYer, they can go buy groceries, walk dog, pharmacy, beyond that, telling to stay home?

Cuomo: yes. Stay home. You can't tell someone they are locked in their apt. Go out for a walk, do it alone. This could go on for 3-4 months.

Cuomo: number 1 challenge, we need 30K vents. Everything is second to that. After that we need staff, beds. Mobility? We'll move people. You come in with fever, resp symptoms. If you come in in Suffolk and they don't have a bed, we will move you to Queens. Wherever we have beds, equip, that's where we will put you. I'm talking about coordinating Upstate and Downstate. Someone in NYC could be moved to Albany. If we have a hospital bed with a vent anywhere in the State, I'd be happy.

Anything non-medical NYers can do to help out.

Zucker: medical reserve corp has been activated.

Cuomo: right now no. just don't get yourself or anyone else sick.

Cuomo: working through list of essential services. You have to go to the ATM and get money, banker needs to be there. Massage is not essential service. We've asked internet providers to increase data capacity for no additional charge.

Latest thinking on economy/State budget?

Cuomo: Fed gov't just moved the filing deadline to June/July. We normally had tax payments in April. That means you won't pay your taxes until June July. That could be 7 8 billion hit to NYS. But all states in same boat. Today, one crisis at a time. Let's save as many lives as possible.

Cuomo: person in our Press Office exhibiting signs, they will be tested, quarantining members of the press office as a result.