

Excelsior – ever upwards and inspirational

And we added

E pluribus – out of many one. Adams and Madison spoke to it. They had a lot of different opinions they are all together.

The curve continues to go up. 21k tests today with over 10k cases and 102k tested positive, 8800 patients discharged. Highest single increase deaths from 2300 to 2900 deaths.. almost 600 in a day.

NJ has 25k cases

CA has 11k cases

We have folks coming across the world and total hospitalizations – 1400 in a day and daily ICU is down a bit. More folks coming in than any other night and more folks going out. The ebb and flow.

We now track the hotspots on a nightly basis. How many folks go into what facility. You see an increase in NYC as we know. See an increase on Long Island that is concerning. Long Island does not have an elaborate healthcare system vs NYC.

PPE are in short supply as they are across the country. We will finance the transition necessary to make these materials. This N95 mask is as high as \$7. Its fabric and the FDA has the material and two pieces of elastic cord. Then he showed a gown. There is nothing sophisticated about this gown. I can't believe we can't transition to make these supplies. We will address and work with you. Javitz will convert to a COVID facility. Retrofitted by the army corps to handle 2500 folks. The original plan was to take non covid patients. We don't have non covid folks in the hospitals. Hospitals have turned into ICU for covid patients.

Its federally run and the federal agencies are running. The president and he spoke to the task force and granted the request to transition the covid center to 2500 beds. The president did it despite the federal agencies didn't want to do it but we did it quickly.

We don't have enough ventilators. The situation is simple. Folks are coming in. All COVID folks and ironically the number of non COVID patients have dropped. We don't have auto accidents, not same crime rate with few trauma cases. They are COVID cases and many of them go to ICU and in the ICU you need a ventilator. We are doing everything possible..using anesthesia ventilators, talking to federal government to get stockpile inventories. We are buying from China. Working with Alibaba. I spoke to the presidents trying to help us source material. We will have to redeploy ventilators across the system. There are hospitals that have PPE and private sector companies that have it that are not using it. I had a chat with a hospital administrator. I understand they don't want to give up ventilators. They are expensive and I understand even if not using them they are reluctant to move them. If the government gets them they will never get them back. I don't have an option and I am not going get into a situation where we are running out of ventilators and there are those hospitals that have them not using them. I am signing an executive order that says the state can take ventilators and PPE to re deploy as the need dictates. Those institutions will either get their ventilator back or reimbursed to get new ones. I am not going to be in a position where people are dying and there are ventilators sitting someone else. Ultimately there is no hardship if you don't get the ventilator back I give you my personal word we will pay you back. The national guard will pick them up and take them where they are needed.

The state budget was extraordinary. First domestic terrorism law, bail reform, child vaping , banned fentanyl, campaign finance reform, middle income tax cut, accessible renewable energy siting, paid sick leave, subway sex offender bans, airport construction program.

Budget was difficult because NY is broke. We are reliant on the federal aid legislation. The federal govt has passed two pieces of legislation and its very important that it help state and local government. Must turn around and be dependent on state government. I spoke to speaker Pelosi. She understands fully the need for state government and the need for funding.

Pelosi says she will do all she can. There are different curves occurring at different times. The only practical solution ..focus on the emergency that is in front of you. Re deploy to the next situation. NY is the tip of the spear and we have the first major encounter. Deploy resources to NY ...we will be at the top of the curve ..in 17 days most likely we will start coming down. We can re deploy what we have to whatever locality that is next. It's not a perfect sequential timing ..we will see that there is a timing sequence to it. What is the alternative to saying let's help each other. And let's move our resources and personnel as it develops. What is the alternative? We don't have enough. The federal government doesn't have enough material to say whatever you need I can get this to you. They have essentially said I don't have enough in my stockpile. There's a blame game. Forget that. How do you handle this operationally and let each state help other states as we go along.

An analogy: when we have a minor flood or hurricane. What do we do. All the power and utility companies from all over the country descend on that region that needs help. See all those trucks coming in..AZ, CO, when FL has a hurricane, we get in the trucks and everyone drives to FL. When PR got into trouble, all resources go there. Help the place that has the crisis. This is that on a micro scale. Help NY. We are in crisis. Decamp and go to the next place as this goes across the country. There will be two or 3 parts of the country hitting an apex at the same time. I see no practical alternative operationally than this. There is no philosophy. Person walks in the door...do they have a staff member, a bed, PPE and a ventilator. That's all this is. Forget testing and vaccines. That's separate project. Folks will die in the near term because there's no staff, no ventilator, no bed...

I believe the American people are there. We see these disasters and how many Americans come to help. It's in the American DNA to help each other. I didn't have to put on the seal E Pluribus Unum. We are brothers and sisters. I am a New Yorker and I am from CA. that's lines on a piece of paper. I asked folks to help and 20k folks volunteered to help us in the middle of a pandemic.

Systematize that volunteer system. We beat this damn virus by systematizing these resources. We deploy as this virus marches across the country. New Yorkers will take what we have amassed..take our personnel, knowledge and we will go to any place that needs help. We are learning things that no one else has to learn. When our urgent need is over we help any community in this nation that needs it.

I remember post 911. I remember post 911 without asking anyone for anything. Trades men bringing tools. People bring cookies. People just showed up. New York will be there for any community that needs us. Let's deploy America at its best. We know what that looks like and what that is.

There's no data to support the use of masks but it can't hurt.

Moving ventilators from north to south is still being explored. There are several hundred ventilators that can be moved. Several hundred could represent several hundred lives..several hundred doesn't fix the problem and when you have done all you can to get more. We are burning 300 ventilators per day. When you get 300, you have bought a day.

Ventilators are \$50k each now and then they were \$20k each. Certainly these private hospitals could sue you. Will that suit stand up? Let them sue me. You want to hope they would see how can they lose. Cuomo isn't taking them all..there are some.. example, I am taking one of your drills. You won't use if you have 5 drills! It's crazy these hospitals won't part with them.

Number of sick cops is on the rise. We have this situation all across the board. We have transit workers have a high rate of illness. The transit workers union...run these buses every day. You are a train conductor pulling into depots across the system. These workers are seriously ill . So it will be on a case by case basis. We have the same situation in Nassau and Suffolk. At what point do I take NYPD? If they have a staff shortage I would work with them to figure it out. There's like 30k NYPD officers and staff.

He was asked about how his brother is doing...This virus is no joke at any age. He is in good shape and young. And he's had malaria. He isn't a cry baby. But this is tough. I talk to him several times a day. He is doing a great public service. All these questions...he is a living example of living with it. God Bless Him. He can talk you through it. As a journalistic contribution it's great.

He was asked what his father taught him in this situation. Cuomo said my father told me so many things on so many levels. He had tremendous stamina. Winston Churchill was his hero who said, "never give up." Trust in love and love's triumph over anger and hate and selfishness. We need love now. Am I seizing ventilators? NO! I am doing the right thing and showing love.. And I think those are the two greatest thing. This is hard personally. Hard to do this all day and watching the number of deaths tick up at night and know you are in charge of the ship at this time and I don't shirk that responsibility. You go through the darkness and you find the light. We will find the light!