The Governor announced that he would be signing an Executive Order that “no business can have more than 50% of their workforce report to work outside of the home.” The Governor said the Order will exempt “essential services” and listed such services as food, pharmacies, healthcare, shipping, supplies, etc.

The Governor made the following statements:

1. The Governor re-stated the goal as being to reduce the influx of patients to a number the hospitals can handle.
2. The Governor stated at the current rate of the curve, in 45 days, New York is set to need 110,000 beds compared to current capacity of 53,000 beds.

The Governor provided the plan of action:

1. Flatten the curve by reducing density and slowing the spread of the virus
2. Increase current hospital capacity
3. Identify new hospital beds
   a. The Governor said federal partnership is key. The Governor called President Trump his partner in building new hospitals in 45 days and doing everything possible to combat the crisis.
4. The Governor said all three parts of the plan must be done simultaneously.

- The Governor stated he will be meeting with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers this afternoon.
- The Governor stated the President will be making arrangements to dispatch the USNS Comfort to the NYC harbor.
  o The Governor said USNS Comfort is a floating hospital which will add capacity.
- The Governor said to reduce density across the state, they took drastic but necessary steps
  o The Governor said it is still voluntary, but all private businesses should require workers to work from home.
  o The Governor re-stated the already announced mandatory requirement for schools to close and the mandatory requirement for state and local offices to reduce their workforce by 50%.
  o The Governor announced Pennsylvania will be joining the regional agreement to close restaurants, bars, gyms, and other venues, which is a regionally coordinated response between New York, New Jersey, Connecticut (and now Pennsylvania)
- **The Governor announced that no more than 50% of the workforce can report for work outside of the home. The Governor said he is issuing the mandate by Executive Order.**
  o The Governor said the Order will exempt “essential services” and listed such services as food, pharmacies, healthcare, shipping, supplies, etc.
  o The Governor said he understands the serious financial impact this will have on people’s livelihoods, but that such action is required to help this public health crisis. The Governor said they will address the economic crisis after the public health crisis is managed.
  o The Governor thanked the Business Council, the Retail Council, ABNY, and the Partnership for New York City for their help, understanding and civic consciousness in this matter.
- The Governor said he is responding to health and data, and then reported the latest numbers:
  o Total positive cases: 2,382 in New York State (1,339 in New York City)
• Total number of tests: 14,597 in New York State
• New York has the highest number of cases compared to other states.
• Current hospitalizations: 549 (rate of 23%)  
- The Governor called for perspective and asked people to focus on the facts.
- The Governor then said 108 people have fully recovered and have been discharged from the hospital.
  - The Governor said the 39-year old female who was the first positive case in NY tested negative after making a full recovery in her own home.
- The Governor said worse than the public health crisis of the virus is the fear driven by the spread of misinformation.
- The Governor directed the media’s attention to a ventilator at the briefing and said there is dire need for more ventilators. The Governor said ventilators are the priority device needed.

**During Q & A:**

- **On the new Executive Order on 50% reduction of in-person workforce**, the Governor said they will have a full list of essential services (he did not provide a time when this would be provided).
  - Governor Cuomo said he spoke with local government leaders across the state and heard nothing but understanding and agreement with the action.
- **On shelter-in-place**, the Governor said the rule could not apply only to New York City and it would need to be a statewide mandate.
  - The Governor said they are starting with this 50% reduction in workforce mandate and will continue to reduce as necessary—if the number of cases continues to increase.
  - The Governor said he would never shut down food, transportation or essential services.
- **On the budget and lack of revenue**, the Governor said now is not the time to raise taxes.
- **On whether the media is an essential service**, the Governor said, “it is a very good question and we will have to ponder that.”
- **On a potential cluster in Brooklyn**, Dr. Zucker said they are investigating this today, but it could be due to an increase in testing.
- **On the state budget deadline**, the Governor said April 1 remains the deadline for the legislature.
- **On bail reform**, the Governor said he met with District Attorneys this morning to discuss the policy.
- **On paid sick leave and the quarantine bill**, Secretary DeRosa said the quarantine bill goes into effect immediately (after the legislature passes and Governor signs).
  - Secretary DeRosa said they are going to hold on “the larger paid sick bill” and include it in the budget which will come into effect in 180 days.
  - Secretary DeRosa said the bill will go into effect immediately for people who are in quarantine.
- **On plans for law enforcement if members get sick**, the Governor said every agency has been advised to expect people to get ill and they are taking all health precautions possible.