

**(4.22.20) The following information is sent on behalf of the Brown & Weinraub team:**

At his daily briefing, Governor Cuomo addressed plans to reopen the NYS economy on a region-by-region basis informed by widespread testing.

During discussions with President Trump yesterday, Cuomo made progress in engaging the federal government to take responsibility for the testing kit supply chain for the national manufacturers who he said need swabs, vials, chemicals and “reagents.” While the federal government manages supply chain issues at a national scale, New York will ramp up testing capacity at its labs.

Read the Governor’s comments following his meeting with President Trump here:

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/following-meeting-president-trump-governor-cuomo-announces-partnership-federal-government>

The Governor also has emphasized the importance of an infrastructure to support contact tracing to control the infection rate. Today he announced a partnership with Mike Bloomberg. Bloomberg and Bloomberg Philanthropies have committed organizational support and technical assistance to help build and execute a new nation-leading COVID-19 contact tracing program.

- The tracing program will be done in coordination with the downstate region as well as New Jersey and Connecticut
- The Bloomberg School of Public Health at Johns Hopkins University will build online curriculum and training program for contact tracers
- A partnership with Resolve to Save Lives, an initiative of Vital Strategies, will provide operational and technical support to help the NYS Health Department develop call center protocols and digital solutions to “rapidly catalyze progress and expedite workflow; and determine best ways to increase community engagement.”

Read the Governor’s press release here:

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/amid-ongoing-covid-19-pandemic-governor-cuomo-and-mayor-mike-bloomberg-launch-nation-leading>

## **RESOURCES**

The Office of the NYS Comptroller offers a COVID-19 Financial Survival Toolkit for New Yorkers with links to vital assistance and information.

<https://www.osc.state.ny.us/covid-19/financial-toolkit.htm>

The Business Council of NYS offers a summary of the new federal \$480 billion Small Business Relief Bill and a great deal of other useful information.

<https://www.bcnys.org/managing-coronavirus>

The Albany-based Center for Economic Growth also offers useful resources for businesses.

<https://www.ceg.org/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/>