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

Governor Cuomo has issued a new Executive Order directing employers to provide masks to employees who interact with the public beginning 8 pm April 15.

For all essential businesses or entities, any employees who are present in the workplace shall be provided and shall wear face coverings when in direct contact with customers or members of the public. Businesses must provide, at their expense, such face coverings for their employees. This provision may be enforced by local governments or local law enforcement as if it were an order pursuant to section 12 or 12-b of the Public Health Law. This requirement shall be effective Wednesday, April 15 at 8 p.m.

Read the full Executive Order here:
https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-20216-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency

At the federal level, Governor Cuomo is reiterating his call for the next round of pandemic relief to address state funding needs and to reinstate the deductibility of state and local taxes (SALT).

Read the Governor's press release here:
https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/video-audio-photos-rush-transcript-amid-ongoing-covid-19-pandemic-governor-cuomo-issues-0

We also wanted you to be aware of a proposal by Senator Elizabeth Warren and Representative Ro Khanna called the Essential Workers Bill of Rights. In addition to expanding paid sick leave to 14 days, and paid family and medical leave to 12 weeks, improving health and safety protections and enhancing pay, the proposal addresses the definition of independent contractors. Read the press release outlining proposals here:
https://www.warren.senate.gov/newsroom/press-releases/elizabeth-warren-and-ro-khanna-unveil-essential-workers-bill-of-rights

This afternoon, Governor Cuomo joined Governor Phil Murphy, Governor Ned Lamont, Governor Tom Wolf, Governor John Carney and Governor Gina Raimondo to announced planned cooperation on decisions regarding reigniting the recovery.