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..Title

A Local Law in relation to a report regarding post-COVID-19 reopening plans for art and cultural institutions in New York city

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Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Report on post-COVID-19 reopening plans for cultural institutions in New York city. a. Definitions. For purposes of this local law, the following terms have the following meanings:

City. The term “city” means New York city.

Commissioner. The term “commissioner” means the commissioner of the department of cultural affairs.

COVID-19. The term “COVID-19” means the disease caused by the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).

Cultural institution. The term “cultural institution” means a New York city-based art and cultural group, organization, gallery, venue, or institution.

Department. The term “department” means the department of cultural affairs.

b. No later than 60 days after the effective date of this local law, the department shall submit to the mayor, the speaker of the council, and post online a report detailing cultural institutions’ plans for reopening, post-COVID-19. Such report shall document a sample of such reopening plans, and related information, to serve as a planning resource for other such cultural institutions.

c. In developing the report required by subdivision b of this section, the department shall consider the following:

1. The steps that at least five cultural institutions, of various types and sizes, have taken to prepare to reopen, including example reopening plans from at least one institution from each of the following areas: education arts, performing arts, gardens and outdoor spaces, and museums;

2. How federal, state, and city safety guidelines related to COVID-19 should be incorporated into reopening plans;

3. Strategies for the continuation of digital platforms and remote programming developed during COVID-19 closures; and

4. Any other considerations deemed by the department to be relevant to reopening plans for cultural institutions.

d. The commissioner shall include with any such report a recommendation to the mayor and the speaker of the council about whether continued reporting on such topic is necessary and appropriate.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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