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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the commissioner of emergency management to report on the city's preparedness and response to citywide public health emergencies

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 30 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 30-117 to read as follows:

§ 30-117 Annual public health emergency preparedness and response report a. No later than 60 days after the effective date of the local law that added this section, and on or before every December 1 thereafter, the commissioner shall submit to the council and make available on the city's website a report describing the city's preparation for, and response to, any state disaster emergency or local state of emergency declared in relation to an infectious disease that affects the city which occurred during the preceding twelve month period. Such report shall describe any actions taken in preparation for, during and immediately after such incident by the department, city agencies and private entities that were involved in the city's public health emergency preparedness and response efforts.

b. Such report shall include, but need not be limited to, the following:

1. A list of any local public health warnings or declarations issued by the city or state during the reporting period and actions taken pursuant to each such warning or declaration;

2. A description of the city's current public healthcare workforce and its capabilities to improve workforce surge capacity;

3. A list of all city and state agencies or offices and private entities that were involved in the city's public health preparedness and response efforts, including a description of each such agency, office or entity;

4. An assessment of actions taken by each such agency, office or entity for each declared public health emergency during the reporting period, including an assessment of interagency coordination;

5. Guidelines for notifying and communicating with the public and city officials during a local public health emergency; and

6. Recommendations for improving the city's public health emergency preparedness and response efforts including, but not limited to, revisions to emergency preparedness plans and other relevant protocols of city agencies or offices.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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