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A Local Law in relation to the development of informational guidance regarding the safe reopening and operation of New York city businesses in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and the expiration and repeal thereof

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Definitions. For the purposes of this local law, the following terms have the following meanings:

Agency. The term “agency” has the same meaning as set forth in section 1150 of the New York city charter.

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

COVID-19. The term “COVID-19” means the 2019 novel coronavirus or 2019-nCoV.

§ 2. a. Informational guidance. The commissioner of emergency management, in consultation with the commissioner of small business services, the commissioner of health and mental hygiene and heads of other city agencies with relevant expertise, shall develop informational guidance for the purpose of facilitating and supporting the safe reopening of New York city businesses to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and infections caused thereby. Such guidance shall be targeted to owners, operators and employees of New York city businesses and shall include, but need not be limited to:

1. Information regarding federal, state and local laws and regulations related to the reopening of New York city businesses during and after the COVID-19 pandemic;

2. Recommended best practices to help reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19 in business facilities;

3. Recommended best practices concerning employment policies to help limit the spread of COVID-19, such as flexible worksites and flexible hours; and

4. Any other considerations deemed by the commissioner of emergency management to be relevant to the reopening plans of New York city businesses.

b. Publication and dissemination. No later than 30 days after the effective date of this local law, the commissioner of emergency management shall publish the guidance developed pursuant to subdivision a of this section on the department's website in English and in the most commonly spoken languages of affected communities.

c. Periodic Review. Such guidance shall be routinely reviewed and updated as necessary and practicable.

§ 3. This local law takes effect immediately and expires and is deemed repealed 2 years after such effective date.

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