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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to response and preparedness measures for highly transmissible diseases

Be it enacted by the Council as follows:

Section 1. Chapter 1 of title 17 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new section 17-104.1 to read as follows:

§ 17-104.1 Highly transmissible diseases; response and preparedness. a. Definitions. For purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

Highly transmissible disease. The term “highly transmissible disease” means a disease for which no vaccine is available that can be transmitted through aerosols or respiratory droplets.

Public health organization. The term “public health organization” means any governmental or non-governmental organization or authority that works to monitor threats to public health, including the department, the department of health of the state of New York, the federal department of health and human services, the federal centers for disease control and prevention, and the world health organization.

b. Preparedness protocols. Each agency shall develop and publish on its website a highly transmissible disease emergency preparedness protocol. Such protocol shall set forth measures that the agency may take during an outbreak of a highly transmissible disease. Each protocol shall be tailored to the developing agency’s particular functions and shall include guidance for interactions between the agency and the public.

c. Public briefings; agency updates. If any public health organization announces or otherwise provides notice that a highly transmissible disease that poses a serious threat to public health is being transmitted

anywhere in the world, the commissioner shall provide daily public briefings and daily updates to all agencies regarding the department's monitoring of and response to such highly transmissible disease. The commissioner shall continue to provide these daily briefings and updates until the commissioner determines that there is no longer any substantial risk of transmission within the city. Such determination shall be made in consultation with any relevant rules, guidelines or recommendations issued by any public health organization regarding such highly transmissible disease.

§ 2. This local law takes effect immediately.

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