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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to guidance to private employers and the public in the event of a highly transmissible disease emergency

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; guidance for private employers. 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 readily available and that can be transmitted through aerosols or respiratory droplets.

Highly transmissible disease emergency. The term “highly transmissible disease emergency” means any time during which, due to the spread of a highly transmissible disease, a state of emergency has been declared by the governor pursuant to section 28 of the executive law or by the mayor pursuant to section 24 of the executive law or a public health emergency has been declared by the commissioner pursuant to section 3.01(d) of the New York city health code.

b. Guidance for private employers. The department shall develop and publish on its website guidance and recommendations for private employers in the event of a highly transmissible disease emergency. Such guidance shall set forth measures that private employers may take during an outbreak of a highly transmissible disease to mitigate disease transmission.

§ 2. Title 19 of the administrative code of the city of New York is amended by adding a new chapter 11

to read as follows:

CHAPTER 11

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES

§ 19-1101. Highly transmissible disease emergencies. 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 readily available and that can be transmitted through aerosols or respiratory droplets.

Highly transmissible disease emergency. The term “highly transmissible disease emergency” means any time during which, due to the spread of a highly transmissible disease, a state of emergency has been declared by the governor pursuant to section 28 of the executive law or by the mayor pursuant to section 24 of the executive law or a public health emergency has been declared by the commissioner of health and mental hygiene pursuant to section 3.01(d) of the New York city health code.

b. Highly transmissible disease emergencies. The department, in consultation with the department of health and mental hygiene and the metropolitan transportation authority, shall develop and publish on its website public guidance and recommendations for the reduction of travel and the reduction in usage of public transportation and mass transit in the event of a highly transmissible disease emergency. Such guidance shall set forth measures that the public may take during an outbreak of a highly transmissible disease to reduce the risk of disease exposure and transmission.

§ 3. This local law takes effect immediately.

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