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A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to expanding availability of rapid testing for sexually transmitted infections

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 17-184.2 to read as follows:

§ 17-184.2 Availability of rapid testing for sexually transmitted infections. a. Definitions. As used in this section, the term “rapid testing” means testing for sexually transmitted infections including, but not limited to, chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, and HIV, that produces results in the same day or within hours.

b. Availability. The department shall make available rapid testing services in all boroughs of the city. The department shall prioritize areas of each borough with the highest rates of sexually transmitted infections as determined by the department.

c. Outreach. The department shall conduct an education campaign to inform communities of the locations and availability of rapid testing services.

§ 2. This law takes effect 180 days after it becomes law.

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