AN ACT requiring the department of health to provide written, public updates to the Draft New York State's COVID-19 Vaccination Program Plan

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. 1. The New York State Department of Health, in collaboration with any other state agency or entity, as applicable, shall update the Draft New York State's COVID-19 Vaccination Program Plan by providing a written plan that is posted on a publicly available website by March 1, 2021 that specifies how the state will:

(a) Ensure the equitable distribution of vaccine to communities disproportionally impacted by COVID-19;
(b) Issue anticipated guidance on phased tiers of vaccine eligibility for the general public;
(c) Ensure pharmacies, hospitals, health care providers, long-term care facilities, and other non-state operated vaccine administration sites will have an adequate supply of vaccinations and ensure timely and equitable administration of vaccinations;
(d) Determine a methodology for how vaccines will be allocated to long-term care facilities, health care providers, pharmacies, hospitals and local government health departments;
(e) Coordinate with local governments and local health departments to ensure that adequate vaccines are available and are being administered in an equitable manner at state and non-state operated vaccination administration sites;

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [−] is old law to be omitted.
(f) Coordinate with the Federal Government's Pharmacy Partnership for Long-Term Care Program to ensure that residents and staff at long-term care facilities are receiving vaccines in a timely and equitable manner;

(g) Publicly report vaccine doses received by the state, including a distinction for first and second doses, and doses administered, including a breakdown of first and second doses when applicable;

(h) Undertake outreach measures to educate residents on the vaccine distribution plan and the safety and effectiveness of the vaccine; and

(i) Ensure information technology infrastructure that will be utilized for the public to schedule appointments, through a single online-portal or telephone hotline for vaccination administration with state operated vaccine administration sites, pharmacies, or their health care providers.

2. Such plan shall be updated and posted on a publicly available website on a weekly basis.

§ 2. This act shall take effect immediately.