

# STATE OF NEW YORK

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## IN SENATE

January 15, 2021

Introduced by Sens. SKOUFIS, MAY, RIVERA -- read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on Health -- committee discharged, bill amended, ordered reprinted as amended and recommitted to said committee

AN ACT to amend the public health law, in relation to requiring infection updates and infection control planning in residential health care facilities

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

1 Section 1. Clause (A) of subparagraph (i) of paragraph (a) of subdivi-  
2 sion 12 of section 2803 of the public health law, as added by chapter  
3 114 of the laws of 2020, is amended to read as follows:

4 (A) to update authorized family members and guardians of infected  
5 residents at least once per day and upon a change in a resident's condi-  
6 tion and at least once a week to update all residents and authorized  
7 families and guardians on the number of infections and deaths at the  
8 facility, and to update all residents, authorized family members, and  
9 guardians of residents at the facility within twelve hours of the  
10 detection of the presence of an infection by a resident or staff member,  
11 by electronic or such other means as may be selected by each resident,  
12 authorized family member or guardian; and

13 § 2. Subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (a) of subdivision 12 of section  
14 2803 of the public health law is amended by adding a new clause (C) to  
15 read as follows:

16 (C) a plan or procedure designating a separate cohort area during an  
17 infectious disease outbreak in the residential health care facility for  
18 the separation of residents that are suspected of being infectious,  
19 including the creation of a designated infectious disease care unit; and

20 § 3. This act shall take effect on the sixtieth day after it shall  
21 have become a law.

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets  
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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