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Introduced by Sens. KENNEDY, BENJAMIN, BIAGGI, BROUK, COMRIE, COONEY, GIANARIS, GOUNARDES, HARCKHAM, HINCHEY, HOYLMAN, KAVANAGH, LIU, MAY, MAYER, MYRIE, PARKER, PERSAUD, RAMOS, REICHLIN-MELNICK, 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 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:

1 Section 1. 1. The New York State Department of Health, in collaboration with any other state agency or entity, as applicable, shall
2 update the Draft New York State's COVID-19 Vaccination Program Plan by
3 providing a written plan that is posted on a publicly available website
4 by March 1, 2021 that specifies how the state will:
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6 (a) Ensure the equitable distribution of vaccine to communities
7 disproportionately impacted by COVID-19;
8 (b) Issue anticipated guidance on phased tiers of vaccine eligibility
9 for the general public;
10 (c) Ensure pharmacies, hospitals, health care providers, long-term
11 care facilities, and other non-state operated vaccine administration
12 sites will have an adequate supply of vaccinations and ensure timely and
13 equitable administration of vaccinations;
14 (d) Determine a methodology for how vaccines will be allocated to
15 long-term care facilities, health care providers, pharmacies, hospitals
16 and local government health departments;
17 (e) Coordinate with local governments and local health departments to
18 ensure that adequate vaccines are available and are being administered
19 in an equitable manner at state and non-state operated vaccination
20 administration sites;

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

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1 (f) Coordinate with the Federal Government's Pharmacy Partnership for
2 Long-Term Care Program to ensure that residents and staff at long-term
3 care facilities are receiving vaccines in a timely and equitable manner;

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

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

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

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

16 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.