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Keep Your Safety Plans in Place: New York HERO Act Requirements Extended Once Again

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The Commissioner of the New York Department of Health has <u>extended</u> the designation of COVID-19 as a highly contagious communicable disease that presents a serious risk of harm to public health under the NY HERO Act **until January 15, 2022**, at which point the designation will be reviewed. Accordingly, the airborne infectious disease exposure prevention plans <u>required under Section 1 of the Act</u> must be kept in place through that date.

Although the New York State Department of Labor has <u>published guidance</u> stating that it would provide additional guidance by November 1, 2021 on Section 2 of the HERO Act, which concerns joint labor-management workplace safety committees, such has not yet been made available. We continue to monitor for this guidance.

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