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STATEMENT FROM MAYOR DE BLASIO ON LEGIONNAIRES' DISEASE

“Legionnaires’ Disease has been a persistent public health threat for years, and has intensified in both New York City and across the nation over the past decade. The City continues its immediate response to the current outbreak of Legionnaires’ Disease in the South Bronx – including comprehensive cleaning and remediation of infected sites, treatment of those who have contracted the disease, and a vigorous public information campaign to ensure people know the facts.

“However, a more systemic solution is required to prevent the cycle of these outbreaks from continuing. This week, new legislation will be announced designed to halt future outbreaks of Legionnaires’, and place new emphasis on long-term prevention. The comprehensive package will address inspections, new recommended action in the case of positive tests, and sanctions for those who fail to comply with new standards. Legionnaires’ Disease outbreaks have become far too common over the past ten years, and the City will respond not by only addressing an outbreak as it occurs, but with a new plan to help prevent these outbreaks from happening in the first place.”

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