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## Citywide AED Data Biannual Report

New York City Local Law No. 91 of 2023 – also known as the Harihareswara Expand Access to Rapid Treatment (HEART) Act of 2023 – directs the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to comprehensively document and enhance automated external defibrillator (AED) accessibility across the City's five boroughs. Building upon existing local and state regulations that require AED placement in public spaces, Local Law 91 mandates a biannual reporting process that meticulously catalogs device locations, including specific placement details such as floor, room, or stairwell, while also attempting to assess pediatric functionality. Through collaboration with the Regional Emergency Medical Services Council of New York City (REMSCO-NYC) and NYC Open Data, the Department has created a transparent public resource that addresses potential life-saving equipment gaps. Those data are publicly available in <u>raw</u> and <u>mapped form</u>.

As discussed in the Health Department's inaugural report, the State law governing REMSCO-NYC specifies that covered entities resubmit registration of devices every two years. While covered entities are encouraged to report any changes to their building registry as they occur, no enforcement mechanism exists to ensure that these updates are submitted between any two-year period. The department will continue to communicate with REMSCO-NYC to identify any new updates as they are received but expects very little change due to inconsistent updating mechanisms.

Dataset: <u>https://data.cityofnewyork.us/d/2er2-jqsx</u> Map: <u>https://data.cityofnewyork.us/Health/NYC-Automated-External-Defibrillator-AED-Map/2ync-kihj</u>