Resources

Section 1: Legal Authority


Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) and related mutual aid resources.

National Incident Management System (NIMS) Resource Center.

Menu of Suggested Provisions for Public Health Mutual Aid Agreements and Inventory of Mutual Aid Agreements and Related Resources.

The Network for Public Health Law- Tribal Public Health Law
Bureau of Indian Affairs - Information about tribal sovereignty

Section 2: Powers and Duties


HIPAA Privacy Rule and Emergencies. HHS’ Office of Civil Rights page on HIPAA and emergencies includes a decision tool, a bulletin about applying HIPAA during Hurricane Katrina, and FAQ document.


Health Resources and Services Administration – Public Readiness and Emergency Preparedness Act (PREP Act).

Communities Actively Living Independent and Free v. City of Los Angeles - a legal brief

Section 3: Response Activities

HHS Pandemic Influenza Plan. Within the document, see Supplement 8, “Community Disease Control and Prevention.”

Social Distancing Law Project from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Information on Emergency Use Authorizations from the FDA.

Quarantine, Isolation and Other Legal Issues from the SARS Experience: Concerns for Local Health Officials.
Section 4: Volunteers

**Emergency Systems for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP) - Legal and Regulatory Issues** from the Centers for Law and the Public’s Health.

**The Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP)** from the US Department of Health & Human Services.

**Division of the Civilian Volunteer Medical Reserve Corps (MRC).**

**Liability Risks and Protections for Volunteer Health Practitioners in Emergencies** (webinar).

**Related Courses**

- **Practical Law for Public Health Officials**
- **Legal Aspects of Public Health Food Safety**

**Other Resources**

**ASTHO Toolkits** ASTHO Public Health Emergency Law toolkits for specific topics about preparation and public health law and preparation for emergencies.

**Assessing Liability for Health Care Entities that Insufficiently Prepare for Catastrophic Emergencies.**