



# Public Health Law

Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support  
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

## Training Opportunities

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CDC's Public Health Law Program (PHLP) offers training about public health law to state, tribal, local, and territorial public health practitioners. Below are a few of the trainings PHLP offers.

### Public Health Law 101

A full- or half-day competency-based training that provides an introduction to public health law principles, highlighting the relation between US law and public health practice, key sources of law, and the organization of public health agencies' legal services.

This training can be shortened and combined with the Legal Epidemiology training to become a day-long course for multidisciplinary audiences interested in collaboration and coordination.

### Legal Epidemiology

This full- or half-day competency-based training serves to enhance the ability of government employees and affiliates to better understand law as a tool to advance public health. It covers methods of incorporating legal principles and tools into the infrastructure and activities of public health programs through administrative law, policy surveillance, and program evaluation.

This training can be combined with a half-day Legal Epidemiology workshop that demonstrates to participants how to read, analyze, compare, and study laws and policies as a component of public health practice.

### Public Health Emergency Law (PHEL)

This full-day, introductory, all hazards-focused course addresses legal issues that can arise during public health emergencies, including basics of public health law, state and federal emergency declarations, isolation and quarantine, evacuations and at-risk populations, liability and immunity, and power over property. This competency-based course concludes with an interactive, jurisdiction-specific case study.

An optional Legal Preparedness workshop can be added as a second day, for which attendees are asked to bring an emergency response plan/plan annex, a past or future exercise scenario, and a current or draft mutual aid agreement for review and discussion about how to address and incorporate legal risks and responsibilities in preparedness activities.



## **Law and Epidemic Emergency Preparedness (LEEP)**

A full-day, intermediate, infectious disease-focused course for health department personnel that explores the legal lessons learned from the Ebola response and how to apply those lessons to future communicable disease emergencies. The course covers legal issues implicated in public health investigations, interventions, transportation, treatment, waste disposal, and burial.

### **Tribal Public Health Law**

This two-hour course offers an introduction to federal Indian law and how this legal framework impacts the rights, relationships, and responsibilities between Tribes, states, and the federal government. The course also discusses tribal public health law, including tribal sovereignty and the inherent authority of tribes to protect and promote the public health of their citizens via various legal mechanisms. Finally, the course includes a panel of tribal public health practitioners who discuss challenges and innovations in tribal public health law. The course ends with a participant discussion of tribal public health foundational services.

### **Tribal Emergency Preparedness Law**

This hour-long presentation describes the role of public health law in emergency preparedness, offers tribal examples of emergency preparedness authorities, and outlines the many mechanisms for tribes to declare emergencies or receive the benefits of a federal declaration of emergency. The course concludes with a roundtable discussion about challenges and innovations regarding tribal emergency preparedness in practice.

## **Contact CDC's Public Health Law Program**

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