COVID-19

Emergency Legal Preparedness Primer

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COVID-19 Confirmed Cases & Deaths

Global Cases 27.5 million | Deaths: 897,789
U.S. Cases 6.35 million | Deaths: 189,500
U.S. Stats 23% all cases | 21% all deaths

Emerging Epi & Medical Trends

Antibodies may be insufficient to ward off additional infections.

Asymptomatic persons could account for 40-45% of infections spread.

Multiple potential vaccines are in Phase III clinical trials for safety & efficacy.

COVID-19 can cause milder outpatient illnesses among young adults & others.

Recovery from COVID-19 can take a long time, even in young adults with no chronic conditions.

To stay well and protect others...
- Stay 6 feet away from others not living in your household.
- Wash hands often.
- Wear face coverings consistently and correctly in public.

1 in 5 previously healthy young adults weren’t back to usual health 14-21 days after testing positive.
Public health authorities & powers vary depending on the type of emergency declared at every level of government.
Federal Emergencies/Invocations

- **HHS Public Health Emergency**: Jan. 31
- **HHS PREP Act Declaration**: Feb. 4
- **Stafford Act Emergency**: Mar. 13
- **National Emergencies Act**: Mar. 13
- **Defense Production Act**: Mar. 20

![Image of President Donald Trump](Image)
Jan. 31: HHS Sec. Alex Azar declares national public health emergency effective as of Jan. 27

- Encourages interjurisdictional coordination
- Allows waivers of specific federal laws
- Authorizes real-time countermeasures through emergency use authorizations
- Supports social distancing measures

July 25: Sec. Alex Azar renews PHE declaration for 90 additional days.
Mar. 13: President Trump declares dual emergencies via the National Emergencies Act & § 501(b) of the Stafford Act authorizing:

- Access to FEMA’s Disaster Relief Fund & reimbursement for eligible emergency protective response measures.
- Waivers under SSA § 1135 of select Medicare, Medicaid, S-CHIP, HIPAA Privacy Rule requirements
- Additional types of federal assistance to states & localities
Select Congressional Bills

7/27
Senate proposes a $1 trillion relief bill providing for a new round of stimulus checks, expanded unemployment benefits & additional school funding.

6/24
Emergency House Protections & Relief Act introduced to prevent evictions, foreclosures & unsafe housing conditions resulting from COVID-19.

6/24
Senate introduces a bill to provide funding to address health workforce shortages & disparities highlighted by COVID-19.

6/22
House introduces a bill to require COVID-19 drugs developed with federal support to be affordable & accessible.

5/15
House passes HEROES Act providing more economic stimulus & funds for contact tracing.
Major Enacted Federal Legislation

Families First

Mar. 18: Families First Coronavirus Response Act
- Private health plans must provide $0 cost coverage for COVID-19 tests
- Temporarily increases federal portion of Medicaid
- Requires 14 days of paid sick leave for certain employees

CARES Act

Mar. 27: CARES Act
- Largest stimulus package in history
- Requires insurance providers to cover COVID-19 testing, vaccines & preventative services
- Protects volunteer HCWs from liability
- Requires governors to submit 2020 testing plan
- HHS Secretary must report on testing, cases & deaths

PPP & HEA

Apr. 24: Paycheck Protection Program & Healthcare Enhancement Act
- Additional funding for hospitals & HCPs
- Supports testing & contact tracing efforts
- Requires governors to submit 2020 testing plan
Federal Agency Coordination

Right click on each image to link to COVID-19 sites
Mar. 13: HHS Sec. Azar issues § 1135 national waivers (retroactive effect on March 1) re:

- **EMTALA** sanctions for patient relocation purposes
- **HIPAA Privacy Rule** regulations (for limited duration)
- In-state **licensure requirements** for health care workers
- **Participation restrictions** on Medicare, Medicaid & S-CHIP
- Medicare Advantage **payment limitations**
- **Stark Law** sanctions

April 15: CMS updates waivers for health care providers re:

- **Telemedicine provisions**, facilitating Medicare services
- **Patient rights** surrounding access to medical records, visitation & seclusion
- **Physical environments** to allow care in non-hospital settings during surge
Joe Biden’s COVID Plan

• **Restore trust & credibility in public officials**
  - Reinstall daily briefings, ensure decisions are made by public health officials & not politicians, restore the White House National Security Council for Global Health Security & Biodefense

• **Effective national emergency response**
  - Make testing widely available, create more capacity for prevention, response & treatment, accelerate development of treatment & vaccines, provide timely data & information

• **Eliminate cost barriers to prevention & treatment**
  - Ensure everyone irrespective of insurance coverage has access to free testing, preventative services & vaccines.

• **Support workers, small businesses & stabilize the economy**
  - Provide guaranteed paid sick & care-giving leave, expanded unemployment relief & state/local emergency funds.

• **Lead global responses to COVID-19**
  - Create a Global Health Emergency Board, advance global pandemic preparedness
COVID State & Select Tribal/Local Emergency Declarations

Click on the **date** of each state to view declarations

**Link here** for updates re: jurisdictional requests for FEMA disaster relief

1/15

- [AK – Alaska](#) **Public Health Disaster** 3/9
- [HI - Hawaii](#) **Emergency** 3/4
- [PR - (Puerto Rico)](#) **Emergency** 3/12
- [VI - (Virgin Islands)](#) **Emergency** 3/13

**State/Select Tribal/Local Emergency Declarations**

- CA
- OR
- WA
- ID
- MT
- TX
- SD
- WY
- NV
- OK
- KS
- NE
- CO
- NM
- AZ
- UT
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- LA
- VA
- NC
- GA
- FL
- AL
- MS
- IL
- WV
- KY
- TN
- NY
- PA
- IN
- OH
- MI
- DE
- 3/12
- RI
- 3/3
- ME
- 3/13
- AK
- - Alaska
- HI
- - Hawaii
- PR
- -(Puerto Rico)
- VI
- -(Virgin Islands)

**County/City**

- Mason Co.
- Des Moines 3/6
- Edmond 3/5
- Auburn 3/6
- Cowlitz Co.
- Bellevue 3/3
- Snohomish Co.
- Lummi Nation 3/3
- Kitsap Co.
- Pierce Co. 3/6
- Redmond 3/3
- Seattle 3/3
- Seattle-King Co.
- Washington Co.
- Clackamas Co.
- Hoopa Valley Tribe 3/4
- Sacramento Co.
- Nevada Co.
- Santa Rosa 3/2
- Solano Co.
- Marin Co.
- Mendocino Co.
- Sonoma Co.
- Placer Co.
- Alameda Co.
- San Fran City
- Santa Clara Co.
- Los Angeles Co.
- Long Beach 3/4
- Orange Co.
- San Diego Co.

**Public Health Emergency/Disaster**

- Salt Lake Co.
- (UT) 3/6
- Salt Lake City (UT) 3/11
- Navajo Nation 3/11
- Eagle Co.
- (UT) 3/7
- Phoenix (AZ) 3/13

**Emergency** + Public Health Emergency

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**Tribal**

- Co. of Hawai‘i
- Honolulu Co.
- Maui, Kaua‘i

**Other**

- Bexar Co.
- San Antonio
- Travis Co.
- Co. of Hawai‘i
- Honolulu Co.
- Maui, Kaua‘i
- Lummi Nation
- Umatilla Reservation
- Northern Arapaho
- Oglala Sioux Tribe
- Hoopa Valley Tribe
- Sacramento Co.
- Sanctuary Co.
- Sonoma Co.
- San Francisco
- Long Beach
- Orange Co.
- San Diego Co.

**Current**

- Salt Lake Co.
- (UT) 3/6
- Salt Lake City (UT) 3/11
- Navajo Nation 3/11
- Eagle Co.
- (UT) 3/7
- Phoenix (AZ) 3/13
- Minneapolis (MN) 3/16
- Milwaukee (WI) 3/13
- Kansas City (MO) 3/12
- St. Paul (MN) 3/15
- Cooke Co. (IL) 3/9
- Cuyahoga Co. (OH) 3/12
- Montgomery Co. (PA) 3/9
- Delaware Co. (PA) 3/9
- Sacramento Co.
- Hyatt Co.
- Redwood Co.
- Santa Cruz Co.
- Mendocino Co.
- Sonoma Co.
- Placer Co.
- Alameda Co.
- Alameda Co. 2/19
- Santa Clara Co.
- Los Angeles Co.
- Long Beach 3/4
- Orange Co.
- San Diego Co.
- San Antonio 3/2
- Bexar Co.
- San Antonio
- Travis Co.
- Travis Co.
- Seattle
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## Select State Emergency Powers Explicitly Invoked by Declarations

**Note:** this table tracks select, express authorities referenced via state emergency declarations ([link](#) on each state acronym for access). *Additional emergency powers may be authorized under state law through which the declarations are issued.*

| Emergency Powers                           | A | A | A | C | C | C | D | F | H | I | I | I | K | L | M | M | M | M | N | N | N | N | N | O | O | O | P | R | T | V | U | W | W |
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| Emergency Plans | ICS | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Funding | Resource Allocation | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Intrastate Coordination | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Isolation | Quarantine | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Licensure Reciprocity | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Price Controls re: Gouging | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Surveillance | Reporting | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Testing | Screening | Treatment | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
| Travel Restrictions | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ | ■ |
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Emergency Declaration Initial Timing & Projected Expiration by Month (2020)

For more information on the current status of state/territorial declarations, see the National Governors Association online resource.
**Legal Triage**: efforts of legal actors & others during declared emergencies to build a favorable legal environment by prioritizing issues & solutions facilitating legitimate public health responses.
Balancing Individual & Communal Interests

Individual Interests
- Privacy
- Religious Freedoms
- Due Process
- Equal Protection

Communal Interests
- Surveillance
- Isolation & Quarantine
- Treatment
- Curfews & Closures

Emergency Preparedness & Response
Select Structural & Rights-based Constitutional Issues

Separation of Powers
Federalism
Supremacy
Preemption
Judicial Deference

Freedom of Expression
Freedom of Assembly
Freedom of Religion
Due Process
Right to Privacy

Equal Protection
Right to Travel
Right to Bear Arms
Cruel & Unusual Punishment
Takings
Current & Emerging Legal Issues

Topics

- Emergency Powers - Triage
- Testing/Screening/Treatment/Vaccination
- Surveillance & Reporting
- Crisis Standards of Care
- Social Distancing Measures
- Privacy
- Liability
March 3: VP Pence: “Any American can be tested . . . subject to doctor’s orders.”

March 21: Some health officials restrict coronavirus testing to HCWs & hospitalized persons, saying “the battle to contain the virus is lost [as we move] into a new phase of the pandemic response.”

April 11: CMS issues guidance requiring insurers to cover diagnostic testing & related services with no patient cost-sharing.

April 19: Antibody tests key to reopening country are in high demand, yet tests’ availability & inaccuracies raise alarms.

May 7: AZ Gov. Ducey withdraws access by university researchers to select health data for in-state surveillance, then reverses decision.
Aug 23: New York Times reports that the national shift in COVID-19 hospital surveillance practices from CDC’s existing system to the Pittsburgh-based private company, Teletracking Technologies, in April 2020 included a mandate from HHS Sec’y Alex Azar:

Hospitals must participate with the new surveillance system as a “perquisite to payment” of hospital preparedness funds via the CARES Act.
COVID-19 Vaccination Allocation

Committee on Equitable Allocation of Vaccine for the Novel Coronavirus

First Committee Meeting Public Agenda

Friday, July 24, 2020
4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. ET
Zoom Webinar

Meeting Objectives

- Hold an open session to hear from sponsoring agencies on their perspectives of the statement of task

Friday, July 24, 2020

OPEN SESSION
National Academies
Initial Vaccine Allocation Guidance

Phase 1
- High-risk workers in health care facilities
- First responders
- People of all ages with comorbid & underlying conditions at significantly higher risk
- Older adults living in congregate settings

Phase 2
- Critical risk workers
- Teachers & school staff
- People of all ages with comorbid & underlying conditions at moderately higher risk
- All other older adults
- People in homeless shelters & prisons

Phase 3
- Children
- Young adults
- Workers in essential industries

Phase 4
- Everyone else living in the US

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Localities in 43 states & territories require face masks to be worn by employees, customers, or others in public.


July 10: Judge rejects FL lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of Orange County’s mask requirement.

Aug. 13: GA Governor Kemp announces his office is dropping its case against the City of Atlanta re: its mask requirement.

Aug. 13: Democratic Presidential candidate Joe Biden calls on states to craft face mask requirements.

Aug. 20: NY Gov. Cuomo admits mask requirement should have been issued months earlier.
Contact tracing - efforts typically led by public health agents to ascertain specific contacts of persons infected with COVID-19 & notify them of potential exposure & seek testing.

States are hiring thousands for contact tracing activities within health agencies.

Apple & Google released Bluetooth technology on April 10 that sends automatic alerts to persons in range of COVID + persons, raising privacy concerns.

New bill signed into law in Kansas on June 8 restricts contact tracing to voluntary participants, provides strong confidentiality protections & extensively limits liability.
COVID-19 & HIPAA Bulletin
Limited Waiver of HIPAA Sanctions and Penalties During a Nationwide Public Health Emergency

March 2020

The Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) outbreak imposes additional challenges on health care providers. Often questions arise about the ability of entities covered by the HIPAA regulations to share information, including with friends and family, public health officials, and

COVID-19 and HIPAA: Disclosures to law enforcement, paramedics, other first responders and public health authorities

Does the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule allow a covered entity to share the name or other identifying information of an individual who has been infected with, or exposed to, the virus SARS-CoV-2, or the disease caused by the virus, Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), with law enforcement, paramedics, other first responders, and public health authorities without an individual’s authorization?

For additional expert analyses & guidance, contact Denise Chrysler, JD, or Sallie Milam, JD, CIPP/US/G, at the Network–MidStates Region
Sept. 2: CDC Director Dr. Robert Redfield signs declaration temporarily halting evictions.

- Order bans evictions of residential renters earning less than $99k annually ($198k jointly) through December 2020.
- Qualifying renters must present written declaration testifying to their circumstances to landlords.
- Landlords who defy the moratorium may face criminal penalties.
- CDC cites its authority under the Public Health Service Act § 361(42 U.S.C. 264) & an emergency action taken under 42 C.F.R. 70.2, “measures in the event of inadequate local control.”
- Questions arise related to CDC’s legal capacity to implement eviction limitations as a communicable disease control matter.
Substantial change in usual healthcare operations & level of care due to a pervasive or catastrophic disaster.
Select States’ CSC Plans

Click on the date* of each state to view CSC plans (where available)

*The date provided indicates when a state’s CSC plan was published, not necessarily activated.
CSC Legal Issues

Practical, Ethical, and Legal Challenges Underlying Crisis Standards of Care

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- Allocation
- Patient’s Rights
- Reimbursement
- Licensure
- Scope of Practice
- Civil Rights
- Duty to Care
- Uniformity
- Liability
Despite risks, many legal liability protections apply in routine events & declared emergencies, especially concerning health care volunteers, workers & entities.
Social Distancing Measures

Control modes of transport-
Shelter-in-place/Lockdown
Increase distance among workers
Curfew
Dismiss schools
Evacuation
Restrict public gatherings
Isolation & quarantine
Justifying Social Distancing

Assess Epi  Assure Mobilization  Acquire PPE

Find Treatments  Develop Vaccines  Save Lives
Quarantine
Separation from others of people exposed to a contagious condition prior to knowing if they may be ill or contagious

Isolation
Separation from others of people who are known to be infected, or capable of infecting others, with a contagious condition

Best Practices

- Safe, hygienic premises
- Monitoring & care
- Basic necessities
- Means of communication
- Least restrictive means
- Termination
Closures & Cancellations

Places of Worship

Employers

Schools & Universities

Events

Sports

Festivals
**Mar. 29:** Curfew order extends existing Stay at Home Order for the entire Navajo Nation. All persons, subject to some exceptions, must stay home from 8:00 p.m. - 5:00 a.m., 7 days a week.

**May 5:** Nearby Gallup, NM imposed strict confinement measures via use of “riot act” authorities allowed by NM Governor Michelle Lujan Grisham (ending on May 10).

**Aug. 19:** Puerto Rico Governor Wanda Vazquez imposes “Sunday” lockdown (in addition to weekly 10 pm – 5 am curfew across the territory).
Assembly Limits

- On what authority?
- By who specifically?
- At what governmental level?
- In what specific setting?
- For how long?

Government limits on assembly & speech are constitutional provided they are narrowly tailored to a substantial governmental interest & allow alternative channels for communication. [Clark v. Community for Creative Nonviolence](https://www.clarkv.com/), 468 U.S. 288 (1984)
Jan. 31: Trump Administration bans foreign national travel for those who have been in China within last 14 days & who pose a risk.

Feb. 29: Administration bans foreign national travel for those who have been in Iran, as well as travel warnings re: Italy, Japan & South Korea.

Mar. 11: President Trump institutes 30 day comprehensive travel ban for non-Americans arriving from EU, including U.K. & Ireland

Mar. 19: U.S. closes border with Canada & Mexico (through 7/20) to persons travelling for non-essential purposes (e.g. tourism).

Apr. 21: President Trump suspends limited immigration activities for 60 days initially & extended to Dec. 31.

June 22: President Trump temporarily suspends foreign work visas through the end of 2020.
U.S. Domestic Travel Restrictions

**Mar. 26:** “Governors Tell Outsiders From ‘Hot Zone’ to Stay Away as Virus Divides States”

- Florida Governor Ron DeSantis orders 14 day quarantine against anyone arriving from NY in prior 3 weeks
- Hawaii Governor David Ige recommends travelers postpone trips for 30 days & imposes 14 day quarantine on arrivals
- Alaska Governor Mike Dunleavy orders residents & others arriving in state to self-quarantine for 14 days

**June 24:** NY, NJ & CT Governors set 14 day quarantine requirement for persons returning or visiting from COVID “hotspot” states with > cases

**July 3:** U.S. federal district judge rules that Hawaii’s quarantine is reasonable in a public health crisis, allowing the order to be implemented.
State Shelter-In-Place or Stay Home Orders

Click on the date of each state to view the order

Note: data are based in substantial part on NYT (March 24, 2020)

Shelter-in-Place or Stay Home Orders – 43 states

Shelter-in-Place or Stay Home Orders – 3 partial states

AK – Alaska 4/1
HI – Hawaii 3/23
PR - (Puerto Rico) 3/23
VI - (U.S. Virgin Islands)
Assessing the Consequences

Unemployment  Business Failures  Government Bailouts

Active Protests  Mental Health  Lost Lives
Re-opening Phases

**Phase 1**
- Vulnerable individuals shelter-in-place
- Practice social distancing & avoid socializing in groups >10
- Employers should encourage telework & most businesses remain closed

**Phase 2**
- Resume non-essential travel
- Schools, gyms & bars may re-open

**Phase 3**
- Vulnerable individuals may resume public interactions, with social distancing
- Large venues may reopen
Re-opening Efforts

Essential Business

Light Retail

Salons & Barbers

Bars

Gyms

Restaurants
Multiple legal issues extending from school re-opening include: lawful authority to open (or not), liability claims (related to potential outbreaks), liability protections, discrimination, demands for tuition refunds, rights to education & teacher union disputes.

**Aug. 13:** In Florida, the state’s largest teachers’ union & others filed a lawsuit to block Gov. Ron DeSantis’ emergency order that requires most school districts to open schools 5 days a week by August’s end or face a reduction of state funding.

**Aug. 19:** Iowa’s State Education Association & Iowa City Community School District sued Gov. Kim Reynolds & the state education department, arguing that state officials exceeded their authority by requiring in-person learning at least 50% of the time during any 2 week period.

**Aug. 20:** In Oregon, a federal district judge denied an emergency order sought by 3 Christian schools to reopen despite Gov. Kate Brown’s orders keeping K-12 schools closed.
August 17: One week after re-opening, the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill pivoted to online classes only following substantial COVID-19 outbreaks on campus.

August 19: Six days after reopening in-person classes, the University of Alabama reported 566 positive COVID-19 cases among students & faculty.

September 4: Florida State University reported that in a 7 day period ending Sept. 4, 21% of 3,429 COVID-19 tests administered came back positive.

September 8: After the Labor day weekend’s spike in COVID-19 cases, Winona State University in Minnesota required the campus to quarantine for 2 weeks.
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