



The Power of Race Neutrality to Create a Just Society

Race-neutral strategies can be a powerful tool in the struggle to dismantle structural racism. The current political, social, and legal environment is increasingly attacking racial justice efforts and milestones at the federal, and in some cases, state and local levels. This is not a call to abandon race-based strategies for creating a racially just society. It is a call to take a new look at the ability of race-neutral strategies to do the same. [Read the full article.](#)

Law & Policy Insights



What States Can Do to Fill the Gap in Health Care Access for Immigrant Communities

Refugee, immigrant, and migrant communities in the United States, on average, have lower rates of health insurance, face increased barriers to care, and receive lower quality of care than U.S.-born populations. However, there are actions that states can take through federal programs, but also outside of federally funded programs, to improve access to care.

Resources



Legal Frameworks to Improve Health Equity Through Community Information Exchanges

A Community Information Exchanges (CIE™) is a community governed network of health and social service providers that can facilitate data sharing among healthcare, social services, and community-based organizations to facilitate more holistic and coordinated care, and advance public health. This resource examines common features of legal frameworks developed to

facilitate the flow of information in CIEs around the country.

Webinar



Public Health Under the New Administration: Examining State and Local Authority to Regulate Raw Milk, Water Fluoridation, and School-Entry Vaccines

TODAY: April 17, 2025 | 12 – 1:30 p.m. CT

Join us April 17 at 12:00 CT for a webinar focused on three important public health issues on which federal, state, and local regulation are intertwined and that may be subject to change based on representations from federal officials under the new federal administration.

Conference



2025 Public Health Law Conference: Connection. Collaboration. Community.

Sessions Announced!

Join us to learn, connect, collaborate, and advocate. More than 40 sessions will cover topics essential to protecting the health of our communities. This is a critical time for public health and understanding how to leverage law and policy to not only ensure the continuation of the progress we have made, but also to advance the work we remain committed to is more important than ever. [View the sessions and register.](#)

Worth Sharing

Exploring the Impact and Challenges of R/HEIA Implementation: Stories and Insights from State and Municipal Staff

May 15 12:00 PM CT

Join the Network for Public Health Law, the Public Health Law Center, and other partners for a webinar focused on the challenges and opportunities encountered when putting Racial and Health Equity Impact Assessments into practice. State-level and municipal-level examples will include situations in which R/HEIA's influenced the legislative process, lessons learned, best practices, and practical insights for other jurisdictions looking to implement similar processes.

Data Use Agreements for Public Health Surveillance: An Introduction for Public Health Program Managers

May 29 12:00 PM CT

In this webinar, sponsored by the Public Health Law Center, speakers will describe the elements of a data governance and compliance framework and explain what a data use agreement is and when one is needed. The goal of the webinar is to introduce basic concepts related to data use agreements for public health surveillance. Speakers will also provide information about additional relevant resources.

Nominations Open for 40 Under 40 in Public Health

The de Beaumont Foundation is now accepting nominations for 40 Under 40 in Public Health, a program that recognizes and supports leaders under age 40 who are addressing public health challenges to make communities healthier. Nominations are due **Friday, June 13**, and the Class of 2025 will be announced in the fall.

Tell Us What You're Working On. We're Ready to Help.

Our law and policy experts can help you identify the key considerations central to your unique challenges and provide law and policy pathways you can leverage to make a difference.



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