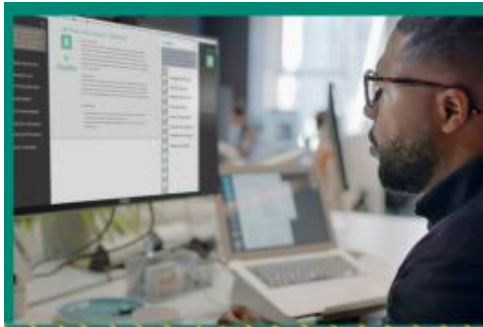




Generative AI and Health Departments: Legal Considerations and Risks

Artificial intelligence (AI), particularly generative AI, is being used with increasing frequency at all levels of federal and state government, including by state, tribal, local and territorial health (STLT) departments. Amidst the growth of generative AI, there are also emerging legal risks and considerations that health departments will need to assess. This fact sheet highlights some topics of legal risk and considerations that health departments will want to review with their legal counsel. [Read the full resource.](#)

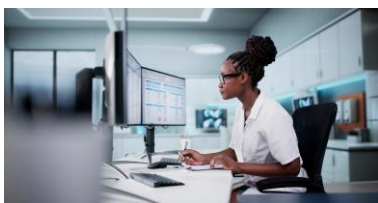
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Public Health Law: An Essential Link between Drought Research and Programs to Mitigate Health Impacts

Like most natural disasters that impact public health, droughts can be difficult to predict and the health impacts are often misunderstood. Public health and public health law play an integral role in preparing for and mitigating the health effects of drought, and in helping to create an understanding of the link between scientific research, policy, and actions to protect human health.

Resources



The HIPAA Minimum Necessary Rule in the Age of Data Modernization

Twenty-five years after the finalization of the Privacy Rule, the public health landscape—particularly with respect to information technology and the way information is submitted to public health—has changed considerably. This fact sheet takes a fresh look at an old rule and explores how a requirement that predates Y2K applies to public health reporting in the era of data modernization.

Webinar



Counting Everyone, Counting Correctly: Case Studies in Data Disaggregation, Inclusive Data Visualization, and Reducing Misclassification of American Indian and Alaska Native Populations

November 20, 2025 | 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. CT

Join us for a webinar introducing the foundational principles of data disaggregation and highlighting how inclusive practices can improve the visibility of health disparities and prevent the statistical erasure of small or historically marginalized groups, particularly American Indian and Alaska Native populations.

Announcements



Equity Officer Peer Group Learning Session: Welcome to the Peer Group!

November 17, 2025 | 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. EST

Join us in our first session of the Network's Equity Officer Peer Group (EOPG). The EOPG aims to harness collective power and boost equity work through resource sharing, learning sessions, and by providing opportunities to connect. This session will introduce members to the goals and objectives of the group and will include opportunities for peer discussions. Membership in the group is free. [Sign up here](#) to join and receive an invitation to the session.

Worth Sharing

Network Recognized for It's Partnership in the East Side Health and Well-being Collaborative

The Network was recently recognized by Fairview Health Services for its involvement in the East Side Health and Well-being Collaborative (the Collaborative), a dynamic and diverse coalition of two dozen organizations dedicated to advancing community health equity in St. Paul, Minnesota. Fairview acknowledged the Network “as a powerful partner that helped shape the design, launch, and sustainability of the Collaborative—allowing it to continuously evolve and respond to the emerging needs and changes on the East Side.” You can read more about the Network’s involvement in the Collaborative [here](#).

The "Millionaire Newsboy" and Sauerkraut Dealer Who Once Lorded Over Chicago's Loop

This profile of Joe Grein shows how early consumer-protection laws aimed to safeguard the public

but often penalized small or immigrant merchants. His later arrest for selling brewing supplies during Prohibition echoes today's debates over drug-paraphernalia laws. As Corey Davis, J.D., director of harm reduction at the Network notes, "the parallels are striking: enforcement meant to deter harm can instead deepen it..."

Mission Critical: Rebuilding the Public Health Workforce

November. 17 1:00 PM EST

This virtual summit, sponsored by the de Beaumont Foundation, the Consortium for Workforce Research in Public Health, and the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, will explore the challenges, opportunities, and bold ideas shaping the next era of public health, grounded in insights from the 2024 Public Health Workforce Interests and Needs Survey (PH WINS). This session will be followed by panel discussions on the workforce challenges faced by public health departments nationwide and ways to engage with policymakers to make the case for workforce investment and solutions.

NACCHO360 Call for Abstracts

The call for abstracts for the 2026 NACCHO360 Annual Conference, to be held July 14-17, 2026, in Louisville and virtually, is open. This year's theme, "Racing Forward, Swinging Big: United for Public Health's Future," calls on the public health community to stay focused, swing with purpose, and race toward a future built on innovation, resilience, and access for all. **The abstract submission period is open through November 28, 2025 (11:59 PM ET).**

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Network attorneys can provide consultation and guidance to:

- Identify the ways in which laws and policies may or may not impact a particular project or community; or the potential impact on different populations within a community.
- Provide examples of and compare public health laws or policy strategies from other jurisdictions.
- Analyze the legal authority to implement a policy or law, or reforms.
- Apply equity tools to laws and policies.

Thank you!

Your interest in the work of the Network is important. Together, we can advance law as a tool to improve public health. **Please forward the Network Report and encourage others to [join the Network](#)!**

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