



Public Health in Pursuit of Voting Rights for All

Thursday, July 9, 2026 | 12:30 – 2 CT / 1:30 – 3 ET

Attend this webinar to hear from the Southern Poverty Law Center and Institute for Responsive Government about voting rights and public health. The Southern Poverty Law Center will unpack what the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Louisiana v. Callais* means for voting rights, the public's health, and public health. Speakers will discuss the connections between health and democracy—for individuals, communities, and the public health system—and identify ways for public health to join the voting rights movement to increase civic and voter participation. [Learn more and register.](#)

Law & Policy Insights



Plug-in Solar Panels Can Expand Access to Affordable, Renewable Energy

In the face of rising energy costs and a strained electrical grid, policy-makers are eager for strategies to lower the energy burden for their constituents, including both homeowners and renters. Increasing access to plug-in (or balcony) solar by passing laws that address barriers to their use has become increasingly common in states across the U.S.



[Law and Policy Strategies to Reduce the Health Risks of Extreme Heat Q&A](#)

The recently released *Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics* supplemental issue features articles authored by presenters at the 2025 Public Health Law Conference in Seattle, Washington. Betsy Lawton, Network Deputy Director, Climate and Health, was among the authors of the article: “*It’s Getting Hot Out There: The Need for and Development of Law and Policy Strategies to Reduce Health Risks of Extreme Heat.*” In this Q&A, Betsy discusses the article and how it addresses a critical public health issue.

Resources



[The Public Health Impacts of the 2025 Federal Executive Orders](#)

Since Donald Trump took office on January 20, 2025, he has signed a series of Executive Orders (EOs), many of which impact public health. A hallmark of these orders is that they are highly unpredictable and often create swift and wide-reaching policy shifts that are often harmful to the health of communities. Examples include discriminatory immigration policies, the termination of DEI programs, limiting access to care for LGBTQ+ communities, and cuts in federal programs and workforce. The long-term ripple effects of these actions threaten to reshape public health and ultimately destabilize the public health system. This resource compiles the 2025 EOs most relevant to the public health space through a lens of Health in All Policies.



[Legal Library Landscape Analysis: Legal Resources to Support Data Sharing](#)

Developed through a collaboration between the Network and Data Across Sectors for Health (DASH), this analysis provides an expanded and modernized collection of legal resources to support public health professionals and cross-sector partners in their data sharing efforts. Integrated into the [DASH Knowledge Base](#) (DKB), the [Legal Library](#) includes 171 current and publicly available resources that move beyond compliance checklists to deliver actionable guidance. The collection contains practical tools such as templates, model agreements, and governance frameworks, while highlighting data sharing approaches that are equity-driven, elevate community voice, and foster collaboration across sectors.

Announcements

Inside HIPAA Hybrid Entities: Structure, Compliance, and Data Sharing in Public Health

June 10 2:00 CT

Join the Network's Privacy Officer Peer Group for a learning session that will include an overview of hybrid entities, including covered and non-covered components, the role of internal business associates, and the designation process and related policies. Presenters will discuss practical considerations, benefits, and operational challenges associated with adopting and maintaining a hybrid entity structure, including Tennessee's experience implementing and managing the designation over time. If you *currently* work in a privacy role within a state, local, Tribal, or territorial health department, or another governmental health authority, you can request to join the Privacy Officer Peer Group and receive a registration link, [here](#). *Membership to the peer group and registration for the Peer Learning Sessions are both free.*

Racial Health Equity Legal and Policy Cohort Call for Applications

Submission Deadline: Friday, June 26, 2026, at 5pm CT

The Network's Racial Health Equity Legal and Policy Cohort (RHE Cohort) helps participants strengthen strategies, navigate complex legal landscapes, and build durable, equity-centered solutions that serve communities most impacted by structural racism. The Network invites public health and community-based organizations working on projects or issues that prioritize racial health equity to apply for participation in the program. There is no cost to apply or to participate if selected.

Worth Sharing

Free Legal Resources on Public Health Data Sharing for Local Health Departments

June 11th, 2026, at 11 am PT/1 pm CT/2 pm ET

Join the Public Health Law Center, the Council for State and Territorial Epidemiologists, and the Network for Public Health Law for a 45-minute overview of free resources related to sharing data for public health purposes. The speakers will discuss common legal questions raised by local health departments on data sharing topics and highlight helpful resources including peer learning groups. Additionally, speakers will talk about how to access free legal and policy technical assistance. This webinar will be the first of three webinars that address public health data sharing at the local level.

The Data Revolution and Population Health: Tech Tools, Cross-Sector Data, and Community Expertise--A Workshop

June 25, 2026, 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Join the Roundtable on Population Health Improvement of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine for a day-long hybrid workshop exploring this timely topic, including

issues of data governance, working with cross-sector data sets, navigating the promise and perils of emerging technology, and centering the needs and expertise of diverse communities. Network Deputy Director—Mid-States Region, Meghan Mead, J.D., will be part of the panel discussion on Emerging Data Sources to Inform Public Health.

APHA Policy Action Institute

June 9-10, 2026 Arlington, Virginia

The 2026 Policy Action Institute will take place June 9-10 at the Hilton Arlington National Landing and online. Through panels, hands-on workshops and networking sessions with top public health policymakers, attendees will learn how to navigate funding cuts, influence policy to drive change and secure critical resources for their initiatives. There will be an optional Hill Day on June 11, where participants will be given the opportunity to meet directly with policymakers and their staff and advocate for public health priorities.

Tell Us What You're Working On.

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ASSISTANCE

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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