



Pre-Summit Workshop: Data Modernization Bootcamp

As public health moves from fragmented, manual reporting toward standardized, automated, near-real-time exchange, a dense layer of standards and intermediaries have developed between health care providers and public health agencies. This workshop will help public health law and policy practitioners navigate the technical architecture of how public health data is collected, exchanged, and governed. It will demystify the core vocabulary used in data work without the requirement that everyone becomes a technologist. Attendees will leave with a solid understanding of the technological underpinnings of modern public health data exchange and be able to identify the legal and policy implications. [Learn more and register](#).

Law & Policy Insights



The Public Health Costs of Data Centers and What Policy Can Do

Data centers are facing growing bipartisan resistance in communities across the country due to health and environmental concerns. Local campaigns are playing a pivotal role in shaping local and statewide data center policy. Some localities have successfully passed moratoriums on data centers, and multiple states have proposed moratoria to pause the creation or expansion of data centers within their jurisdictions. Beyond moratoria, some

states are beginning to pass laws regulating data centers.

Resources



What Public Health Should Know About Voting Rights in 2026

Civic participation, including voting, is a social determinant of health. Who gets to vote, and whose vote counts, shapes every downstream health decision. When communities are drawn out of power or excluded from voting, their health needs become easier to ignore, and elected officials become less accountable to the public they are supposed to serve. Systemic failures like this hurt everyone, especially those whose voices continue to be silenced at the ballot box, and our collective health pays for it. This fact sheet discusses the evidence linking voting and health, and the rising concern with regard to voting rights in the U.S.

Webinar Recording



Public Health in Pursuit of Voting Rights for All

In this webinar, held August 27, speakers from the Network, the Southern Poverty Law Center and Health & Democracy Partners discussed voting rights and public health, focusing on the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Louisiana v. Callais* and the connections between health and democracy—for individuals, communities, and the public health system—and identified ways for public health to join the voting rights movement to increase civic and voter participation. View the video recording [here](#).

Announcements

Privacy Officer Peer Group Learning Session: An Overview of the CDC's Single DUA and Unified DUA Framework

Wednesday, September 9th, 2026, | 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. CST

Jurisdictions and data sharing partners that work with multiple Centers for Disease Control (CDC) programs may have experienced the challenge of managing separate CDC data use agreements (DUAs). The CDC plans to address this through a Single DUA and the Unified DUA Framework, a 2026 CDC initiative that CDC says will standardize its approach to data sharing across the agency. Join the Network's Privacy Officer Peer Group (POPG) Learning Session where Abigail Ferrell, JD,

MPA | Acting Branch Chief for the Data Policy Branch in CDC's Office of Public Health Data, Surveillance, and Technology (OPHDST) will examine what the Single DUA covers, discuss the Unified DUA Framework approach, and outline the anticipated implementation timeline through 2028. If you currently work in a state, local, Tribal, or territorial health department, [join the Privacy Officer Peer Group](#) to receive a registration link. There is no cost to join.

Worth Sharing

[Call for Papers: National Conference on Tobacco or Health](#)

The National Conference on Tobacco or Health (NCTOH) is one of the largest, long-standing gatherings for top United States commercial tobacco control and prevention professionals. The convening attracts public health professionals committed to best practices and policies to reduce commercial tobacco use—the leading preventable cause of disease, disability, and death in the United States. Abstracts are currently being accepted for the Conference, which will be held June 29 – July 1, 2027 in San Diego, California. **The deadline for submission is September 18, 2026.**

[NALBOH 2026 Annual Conference](#)

October 12-14, 2026, San Antonio, Texas

Boards of health play a vital role in protecting and improving community health. The National Association of Local Boards of Health (NALBOH) conference is designed to inspire and support both current and future board members by providing practical governance strategies, leadership development, and real-world examples that strengthen board effectiveness. Attendees will include new and experienced board members, community leaders interested in board service, and public health professionals who support boards of health. Sessions will aim to build governance capacity, foster meaningful board engagement, and provide actionable insights that participants can bring back to their communities.

[APHA 2026 Annual Meeting & Expo](#)

November 1- 4, 2026, San Antonio, Texas

As the largest public health gathering of the year, APHA's Annual Meeting and Expo convenes approximately 11,000 public health professionals and partners across a variety of disciplines. Advance registration discounts end September 15.

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- 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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