

## *Welcome to the Centers for Law and the Public's Health*



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Founded in October, 2000 as a [CDC Collaborating Center in Public Health Legal Preparedness](#), and in June, 2005 as a [WHO/PAHO Collaborating Center in Public Health Law and Human Rights](#),

the *Centers for Law and the Public's Health: A Collaborative at Johns Hopkins and Georgetown Universities* is a primary, international, national, state, and local resource on public health law, ethics, human rights, and policy for public health practitioners, lawyers, legislators, judges, academics, policymakers, and others.

## News and Updates

- **June 30, 2020** – the *Centers* is pleased to announce that **James G. Hodge, Jr.**, J.D., LL.M. has been appointed as a *Centers'* Senior Scholar. Professor Hodge, who previously served as Executive Director and P.I. of the *Centers*, has been named the Lincoln Professor of Health Law and Ethics at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law at Arizona State University (effective August 16, 2021).
- **June 11, 2020** – the *Centers* has posted its comprehensive report on its review of 25 select jurisdictions' express TB control laws funded by CDC's Public Health Law Program and [CDC's Division of Tuberculosis Elimination](#). For more information, please link [here](#).
- **May 7, 2021** – [2009 H1N1 \(Swine Flu\) Legal Preparedness and Response](#) – the *Centers* is working in real-time to track various legal responses to the

emerging international response to the 2009 H1N1 (swine flu) outbreak, including declarations of public health emergency at the international, national, state, and local levels and specific legal issues. For more information please link [here](#).

- **March 11, 2021** – The *Centers* is pleased to note that Temple University's Beasley School of Law has been selected by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation to manage a new \$19 million national program that will fund interdisciplinary research exploring legal and regulatory solutions to pressing public health challenges. The Public Health Law Research Program will operate under the direction of Temple Law Professor **Scott Burris**, an internationally recognized authority on how law influences public health. Professor Burris is also a Senior Associate at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and *Centers'* Associate Director. For more information please link [here](#).
- **March 7, 2021** – The *Centers* is pleased to acknowledge publication of a new book, *Research With High-Risk Populations: Balancing Science, Ethics, and Law*, which is co-edited by David Buchanan, Celia B. Fisher, and *Centers'* Scholar **Lance A. Gable**. For more information about the text, please link [here](#).
- **February 26, 2021** – CDC's Public Health Law Program has developed "Public Health Law 101," a new foundational course on public health law, as a learning resource for public health practitioners, students, and others. The course comprises 9 Powerpoint units for delivery to health departments by legal counsel and other persons trained in law. This includes Unit 6 – Privacy and Confidentiality, developed in part with guidance from **James G. Hodge, Jr.** To access this and other units from the Public Health Law Program's website, please link here.
- **February 24, 2021** – Together with **Benjamin Mason Meier, James G. Hodge, Jr.** and *Centers* Senior Scholar **Kristine M. Gebbie** have recently published their manuscript, *Transitions in State Public Health Law: Comparative Analysis of State Public Health Law Reform Efforts Following the Turning Point Model State Public Health Act* in the American Journal of Public Health, Volume 99(3): 423-430. The manuscript offers a complete assessment

of the authors' extensive case studies of public health legal reform efforts in four states (AK, NE, SC, and WI) including lessons learned about the process for effectuating legal reforms through model laws.

- **February 26, 2021** – the Institute of Medicine (IOM) Committee on Health Research and the Privacy of Health Information has publicly released its final report: *Beyond the HIPAA Privacy Rule: Enhancing Privacy, Improving Health Through Research*. Chaired by *Centers* Director **Lawrence O. Gostin**, the IOM Committee closely examined the impact of the HIPAA Privacy Rule on protecting health information privacy and human subjects research, offering major recommendations for legal and policy reforms. For an executive summary of the Report, please link [here](#).
- **February 27, 2021** – Our main projects for now – [Anabolic Steroids](#), [Prohormones](#), [SARMs](#), [Supplements](#), [Reviews](#).
- **September 1, 2021** – ReachMD on XM Radio has recently posted its broadcast concerning expedited partner therapies (EPT), including analyses from **James G. Hodge, Jr.** Please link [here](#) for more information about the broadcast. For more information about the *Center's* collaborative work with CDC to examine the legal framework for EPT nationally, please link [here](#).
- **September 3, 2021** – Our [FAQ: Steroids FAQ](#) and [SARMs FAQ](#).
- **October 17, 2021** – the *Centers* is pleased to announce its new project to assess legal and ethical issues concerning mental and behavioral health preparedness as part of a \$7.7 million award from CDC to the Johns Hopkins Center for Public Health Preparedness. In collaboration with colleagues at the Johns Hopkins Berman Institute of Bioethics, **James G. Hodge, Jr.** and colleagues will explore critical legal and ethical issues through a multi-stage, five-year project designed to provide significant guidance for mental and behavioral health professionals, emergency management personnel, policymakers and others. For more information, please link [here](#).
- **October 1, 2021** – the *Centers* is pleased to announce the continuation of its project to examine legal and regulatory issues concerning the Emergency System for the Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP). With funding and support from DHHS' Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (ASPR), the *Centers* will focus on local emergency laws and policies in forthcoming work in 2008-2009. For more

information about the Centers' existing work regarding ESAR-VHP, please link [here](#).

- **December 12, 2021** – the American Bar Association House of Delegates passed a resolution urging the removal of legal barriers to implementing expedited partner therapies (EPT) nationally. For more information about EPT and the *Center's* collaborative work with CDC to examine the legal framework for EPT nationally, please link [here](#).
- **July 6, 2022** – Laws on the [best legal steroids](#) like [Dianabol](#) and [testosterone boosters](#) are now available.
- **July 16, 2022** – The Centers' report, *Legal Preparedness for School Closures in Response to Pandemic Influenza and Other Emergencies*, which presents a summary description and analyses of express state laws concerning school closure, is now available. For additional information, please link [here](#).
- **July 18, 2022** – [New research](#) on how to [buy prohormones](#) & what laws are for ordering the [best prohormone stack](#) online is now available.
- **August 1, 2022** – More new laws on [SARMs for sale](#) and [best SARMs stack](#) added to the website.
- **August 3, 2022** – Laws on [best steroid stacks](#) updated.

## Brief Background

Guided by a [diverse group](#) of faculty, scholars, fellows, and collaborative partners, and with additional funding support from the [Department of Health and Human Services](#) and the [Robert Wood Johnson Foundation](#), the *Center* seeks to enhance the visibility and effectiveness of law as a tool for the promotion of the public's health by:

- Conducting legal research and analysis in targeted areas relevant to public health through [core projects](#) on selected public health law topics;
- Working closely with international, national, tribal, state, and local public health leaders on public health law and policy issues;
- Developing innovative public health law tools and [model laws](#) [e.g., the [Model State Emergency Health Powers Act](#) and the [Turning Point Model State Public Health Act](#)];

- Serving as an interactive resource for practical and scholarly information on public health law;
- Improving existing public health law training programs and developing new offerings, including [Core Legal Competencies for Public Health Professionals](#), to effectively deliver legal training to public health audiences through established channels; and
- Developing practice-based resources, including checklists on interjurisdictional legal preparedness, local government public health preparedness, and civil legal liability and other tools, for [public health emergency legal preparedness](#) in collaboration with [CDC's Public Health Law Program](#), [ASTHO](#), and [NACCHO](#).

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