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Optimizing Federal, State, and Local Response to Public Health Emergencies
A Virtual Workshop

May 30-31, 2024

AGENDA

Thursday, May 30, 2024

12:00 pm *	Welcome
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Harold Varmus, Lewis Thomas University Professor, Meyer Cancer Center, Weill Cornell Medicine and Co-chair, Committee on Science, Technology, and Law

Workshop Planning Committee Co-chairs:

Georges Benjamin, American Public Health Association
Erwin Chemerinsky, University of California, Berkeley School of Law

12:10 pm	Optimizing Federal, State, and Local Public Health Preparedness
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Moderator:

Umair A. Shah,** Washington State Department of Health

Speakers:

Aisha K. Mix, Captain, U.S. Public Health Service
Joshua Sharfstein, Vice Dean for Public Health Practice and Community Engagement and Distinguished Professor of the Practice, John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
Tener Goodwin Veenema, Senior Scientist, Department of Environmental Health and Engineering, John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

12:50 pm	Discussion with Committee and Audience Questions
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1:20 pm	Break
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1:30 pm	The COVID-19 Pandemic: What happened? What went right? What went wrong? – Parts 1 and 2
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Moderator:

Georges Benjamin,** American Public Health Association

PART I: Perspectives from Federal Officials

Speakers:

Deborah Birx, Senior Fellow, George W. Bush Institute

Ashish Jha, Dean, Brown School of Public Health

PART II: Perspectives from State Officials

Thomas Dobbs, Dean, John D. Bower School of Population Health, University of Mississippi Medical Center

Jill Hunsaker Ryan, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment

2:10 pm	Committee Discussion and Audience Questions
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2:40 pm	The COVID-19 Pandemic: What happened? What went right? What went wrong? – Parts 3 and 4
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Moderator:

Georges Benjamin,** American Public Health Association

PART III: Perspectives from Local Officials

Speakers:

Allison Berry, Health Officer, Clallam and Jefferson Counties, Washington

Rebecca Sunenshine, Disease Control Division Medical Director, Maricopa County, Arizona

PART IV: Strategic Communications

Speakers:

Joe Smyser, Chief Executive Officer, The Public Goods Project

Elizabeth Perez, Chief for Public Affairs and Equity, Washington State Department of Health

3:20 pm	Committee Discussion and Audience Questions
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3:50 pm	Break
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4:00 pm	Public Health Emergency Authorities: What we know about them and how did we experience them before, during, and after the COVID-19 pandemic?
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Moderator:

Jay K. Varma,** Siga Technologies

Pandemic Orders and Religious Liberty

Speaker:

Wendy Parmet, Matthews Distinguished University Professor of Law and Faculty Director, Center for Health Policy and Law, Northeastern University School of Law

New York City Vaccine Mandates: Who Has the Authority?

Speaker:

Kapil Longani, Senior Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs and General Counsel for the State University of New York

The Experience with Public Health Emergency Authorities Before, During, and After COVID-19

Speaker:

Gene W. Matthews, Adjunct Professor, Department of Health Policy and Management, University of North Carolina

The Future of Public Health Authority at the Federal, State, and Local Level

Speaker:

Lindsay Wiley, Professor of Law and Faculty Director, Health Law and Policy Program, University of California, Los Angeles School of Law

5:00 pm	Committee Discussion and Audience Questions
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5:30 pm	Adjourn
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12:05 pm	Exploring Routes and Barriers to Effective Public Health Response Efforts During the COVID-19 Pandemic – Parts 1 and 2
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Moderators:

Jessica Castner,** University at Albany and Castner Incorporated and **James G. Hodge, Jr.**,** Arizona State University

Part I: Integrating Deeply Held Values and Beliefs in an Effective Public Health COVID-19 Response

Speakers:

Amy Acton, Former Director, Ohio Department of Health
Abigail Echo-Hawk, Director, Urban Indian Health Institute and Executive Vice President, Seattle Indian Health Board

Part II: Navigating Profound Legal and Regulatory Barriers to Real Time Pandemic Response

Speakers:

Rachel Lookadoo, Director of Legal and Public Health Preparedness, Center for Preparedness and Emergency Response Solutions, University of Nebraska Medical Center
Anne Zink, Former Chief Medical Officer, State of Alaska

12:45 pm	Discussion with Committee and Audience Questions
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1:15 pm	Exploring Routes and Barriers to Effective Public Health Response Efforts During the COVID-19 Pandemic – Part 3
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Moderators:

James G. Hodge, Jr.,** Arizona State University and **Jessica Castner,**** University at Albany and Castner Incorporated

Part III: Reforms to Guide Future Pandemic Responses

Speakers:

Tom Inglesby, Director, Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Sarah Cody, Health Officer and Public Health Director, Santa Clara County, California

Jennifer L. Piatt, Research Scholar and Co-Director of the Center for Public Health Law and Policy at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University

1:45 pm	Discussion with Committee
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2:15 pm	Break
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2:30 pm	Looking to the Future: Where do we go from here?
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Moderator:

Rebecca Wurtz,** University of Minnesota School of Public Health

Speakers:

Eric Klinenberg, Helen Gould Shepard Professor in the Social Sciences, New York University

Michelle Mello, Professor of Law and Professor of Health Policy, Stanford University

Megan L. Ranney, Dean and C.-E. A. Winslow Professor of Public Health (Health Policy) and Professor of Emergency Medicine, Yale School of Public Health

Gregory Sunshine, Lead for STLT Legal Preparedness and Response, Office of Public Health Law Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

2:50 pm	Discussion with Committee and Audience Questions
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3:40 pm	Concluding Thoughts from Workshop Planning Committee
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James G. Hodge, Jr., Arizona State University

Tara Kirk Sell, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Umair A. Shah, Washington State

Jay K. Varma, Siga Technologies

Margaret “Peggy” Chamberlain Wilmoth, Distinguished Nurse Scholar-in-Residence, National Academy of Medicine

Rebecca Wurtz, University of Minnesota School of Public Health

4:30 pm	Adjourn
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****Member of the Workshop Planning Committee**