
Law in Public Health Practice

Topics/Class Schedule – Subject to Change

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 PH 230/ PSC 230 Spring 2017
 Monday & Wednesday Todd 202, 6:15pm – 7:30pm
 Office hours & location: TBA

Part I: Conceptual Foundations of Public Health Law

WEEK 1 Introduction to course topics; public health topics in the news

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W 1/18

WEEK 2 Social Justice and the Right to Health (CHAP 14);
#2 Introduction to PH Lawmaking: A Policymaking Perspective

M 1/23

#3 Theory and Definition of Public Health Law (CHAP 1)

W 1/25

WEEK 3 Legal Research Clinic

#4 **GUEST SPEAKER**

M 1/30 Ms. Kathy Wu, Law Librarian, Rush Rhees Library, *How to conduct legal research*
 (Reading Packet)

#5 Risk Regulation: A Systematic Evaluation (CHAP 2)

W 2/1

WEEK 4

#6 Guest speakers, **Community Health Disparities & Community Coalitions**

M 2/6

Candice A. Lucas, MBA

Director, Community Health Services

Director, Cancer Services Program of Monroe County

URMC-Center for Community Health

Gladys Pedraza-Burgos M.S.

Chief Operations Officer

Ibero-American Action League, Inc.

#7 Current-event Case studies on **Paternalism**: Motorcycle helmet legislation, Seat belt laws,
 W 2/8 & Fluoridization

Part 2: LEGAL FOUNDATIONS OF PUBLIC HEALTH LAW

WEEK 5 Public Health Law in the Constitutional Design: Public Health Powers and Duties (CHAP 3)
#8
 M 2/13

#9 Current-events case study: Abortion regulations;
 W 2/15 How to read a case

WEEK 6 Constitutional Limits on the Exercise of Public Health Powers: Safeguarding Individual Rights and Freedoms (CHAP 4)
#10
 M 2/20

#11 Public Health Governance: Democracy and Delegation (CHAP 5)
 W 2/22

Part 3: MODES OF LEGAL INTERVENTION

WEEK 7 Administrative Law: Direct Regulation for the Public's health and Safety (CHAP 6)
#12
 M 2/27

WEEK 8 QUIZ #1
#13 How to read a regulation; Introduction to the Regulations Exercise
 W 3/1

#14 Tort law and the Public's Health: indirect regulation (CHAP 7)
 M 3/6

WEEK 9 Current Events Case Study: Gun control
#15
 W 3/8

F 3/10 Regulations Exercise Due

M 3/13 No Class – March Break

W 3/15 No Class – March Break

WEEK 10 #16 M 3/20	Tba/catch-up session
#17 W 3/22	Guest speaker Community Health Coalitions Katrina Korfmacher, PhD
WEEK 11 #18 M 3/27	Taxation, Spending, and the Social Safety Net: Hidden Effects on Public Health (CHAP 8)

Part 4	PUBLIC HEALTH LAW IN CONTEXT
#19 W 3/29	Surveillance and Public Health Research: Privacy, Security, and Confidentiality of Personal Health Information (CHAP 9)
WEEK 12 #20 M 4/3	Health Communication and Behavior: freedom of expression, association & travel
#21 W 4/5	Infectious Disease Prevention and Control (CHAP 10)
WEEK 13 #22 M 4/10	Current Events Case Study: Vaccinations and the “anti-vax” movement; California legislation
#23 W 4/12	Public Health Emergency Preparedness: Terrorism, pandemics, and Disasters (CHAP 11)
WEEK 14 #24 M 4/17	Current Events Case Study: Ebola quarantine attempts (Maine nurse)
#25 W 4/19	Noncommunicable Disease Prevention: Promoting Healthier Lifestyles (CHAP 12)
WEEK 15 #26 M 4/24	Current Events Case study: FDA regulation of e-cigarettes (Proposed Regulations)
#27 W 4/26	Injury and Violence Prevention from a Public Health Perspective: Promoting Safer Lifestyles (CHAP 13)
WEEK 16 #28 M 5/1	Quiz #2 Civic engagement exercise: Voting
#29 W 5/3	Wrap up