



Public Health and Schools Toolkit

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Overview of ASTHO Public Health & Schools Toolkit

The *Public Health & Schools (PH&S) Toolkit* addresses key concepts regarding public health agencies' authorities to conduct public health activities like vaccination clinics in schools, take emergency measures such as closing schools, and access student health data. The toolkit's component documents are designed to be used to assist in education, training, and planning activities to prepare for emergencies, as well as to serve as a quick reference resource during an emergency response to an event. The *PH&S Toolkit* is one of the toolkits in ASTHO's Legal Preparedness Series. Please see the Introduction document for additional background on the project and the other toolkits.

Intended Audiences

These documents are specifically designed to address the different needs of discrete audiences within a state health agency:

- State health officers, agency directors, or other senior governmental officials may find the executive overviews and fact sheets of particular interest.
- Preparedness directors and other programmatic staff will find the fact sheets, issue briefs, state analysis guides, and resource materials useful in understanding and gaining more in-depth knowledge about particular concepts and legal issues.
- Legal counsel will find the fact sheets about particular federal laws and regulations, issue briefs, state analysis guides, and citations within the resource materials a good basis from which to conduct additional research and analyze their particular state's authorities on these issues.
- The current issue updates are a good resource for all audiences to learn the latest developments on issues related to the toolkit topic.

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Executive Overviews

One-page snapshots of key concepts and issues

- [Public Health & Schools Authority Issues and Concepts](#)
- [School Vaccination Activities](#)

Fact Sheets

Short documents addressing fundamental issues or legal authorities

- [Comparison of FERPA and HIPAA Privacy Rule for Accessing Student Health Data](#)
- [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act \(FERPA\)](#)
- [Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act \(HIPAA\)—Privacy Rule](#)
- [Public Health Authorities in Schools](#)

Issue Briefs

In-depth information and analyses of fundamental issues

- [Public Health Access to Student Health Data: Authorities and Limitations in Sharing Information Between Schools and Public Health Agencies](#)
- [Vaccination Clinics in Schools](#)

State Analysis Guides

Aids to assist states in identifying and analyzing their own statutes, regulations, and policies

- [Public Health Authorities in Schools](#) (DOC)
- [School-Located Vaccination Clinics](#) (DOC)

Current Issues and Updates

Periodic updates on new and evolving issues

- [Winter 2012—Revised FERPA Regulations Announced](#)

Resource Materials

Bibliographies and links to key agencies, organizations, laws, and other documents

- [Public Health & Schools Supplemental Materials](#)

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