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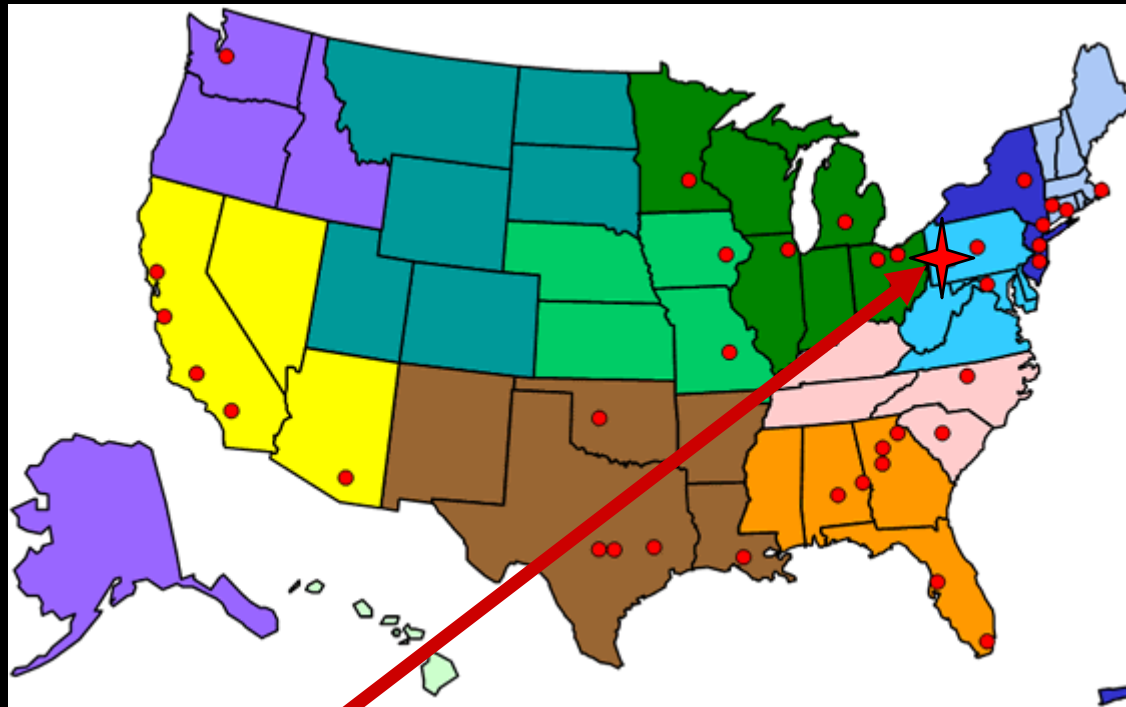
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Legal Preparedness in Pennsylvania: An Unknown

Analysis of emergency
public health powers

➤ *Virtual* Statewide
avian influenza
exercise



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Legal Preparedness in Pennsylvania: A Call to Action

Status Report:

Preparedness for
Public Health
Emergencies
In Pennsylvania

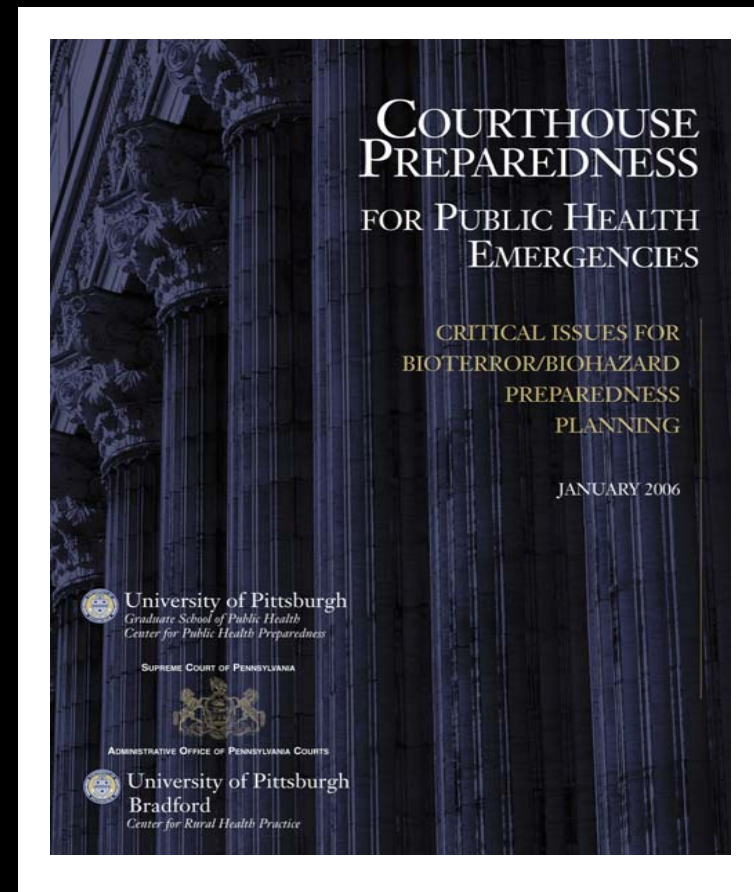


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Legal Preparedness in Pennsylvania: Building Partnerships

Courthouse Bioterrorism Preparedness Planning Workbook



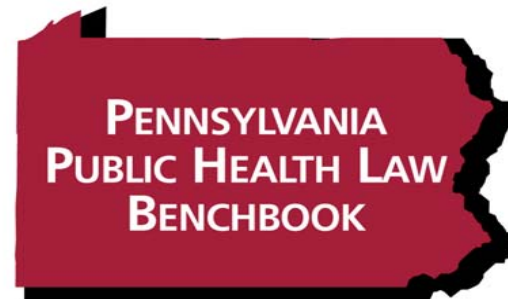
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Public Health Law Bench Book

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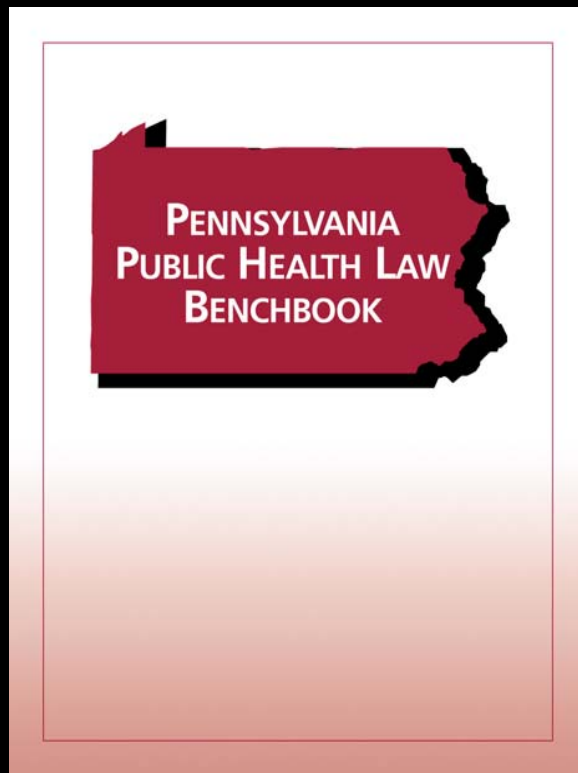
Public Health Law Bench Book

- Bench guides
- Legal issues in a public health context
- Petition checklists and model orders
- Appendices

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- When can court order
- What procedure
- Jurisdiction
- Venue
- Notice
- Right to counsel



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Public Health Law Bench Book

- Hearing
- Burden of proof
- Remedies available
- Enforcement mechanisms
- Responsibility for costs



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Toolkit for courts

- Courthouse impacted
- Region impacted
- Pandemic illness

Pilot tested

Statewide rollout
today

Continuity of Operations (COOP) Planning

A Toolkit for Pennsylvania Courts
Developed by the Administrative Office
of Pennsylvania Courts
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Court COOP Planning Toolkit

- I Overview
- II Worksheets
- III Template
- IV Procedures to practice the COOP plan
- V Appendices
 - Resource Guide
 - Legal Analysis
 - Preparedness Guide for Employees
 - FAQ about Pandemic Influenza
 - Sample Cooperative Agreements
 - Sample COOP Planning Team Structure



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Public Health and the Judiciary - Keeping the Partnership Going

- COOP Planning TOOLKIT dissemination and evaluation
- Training
- Exercise



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