

# Emergency Legal Preparedness Summit

## Georgetown University Law Center

600 New Jersey Ave, N.W., Gewirz Hall, 12th Floor

Washington, D.C. 20001

Friday, April 21, 2017

11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Join public health preparedness leaders, officials and experts examining critical challenges in emergency legal preparedness and policy including federal social distancing powers, emergency use authorizations, SNS distributions, emergency vaccine development, and federal state implications during the next emerging threat.

### Speakers

**Tom D. Kirsch, MD, MPH**  
Director, National Center for  
Disaster Medicine and Public Health  
Professor, Uniformed Services  
University of the Health Sciences

**James S. Blumenstock, MA**  
Chief Officer - Health Security  
Association of State and Territorial  
Health Officials

**Lawrence O. Gostin, JD**  
Professor and Director  
O'Neill Institute for National and  
Global Health Law  
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**Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH**  
Executive Director  
Harris County (Houston)  
Department of Public Health

**James G. Hodge, Jr., JD, LL.M.**  
Professor and Director  
ASU Public Health Law and Policy Program  
Director, Western Region Office  
Network for Public Health Law

**Brooke Courtney, JD, MPH**  
Senior Regulatory Counsel  
U.S. Food and Drug Administration

### Agenda

- 11:30 a.m. Registrations/Check In
- 12:00 p.m. Luncheon
- 12:15 p.m. Welcome Addresses by **Tom Kirsch** and **Lawrence Gostin**
- 12:50 p.m. Dessert/Coffee Break
- 1:00 p.m. ***Interjurisdictional Challenges in Emergency Legal Preparedness and Policy*** - Panel  
**Tom Kirsch | James Hodge | James Blumenstock | Brooke Courtney | Umair Shah**
- 1:50 p.m. Participant Questions/Comments/Observations
- 2:25 p.m. Concluding Thoughts on the Future of Emergency Legal Preparedness - **James Hodge**
- 2:30 p.m. Adjourn

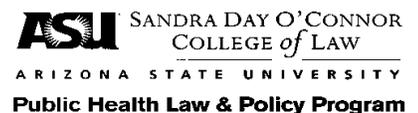
**In-person space is limited:** [link here for free registration via Eventbrite](#)



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## Speaker Biographies

	<p><b>Tom D. Kirsch, MD, MPH</b>, is the Director of the National Center for Disaster Medicine and Public Health and Professor of Military and Emergency Medicine at the Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences. He is a board-certified emergency physician and expert in disaster management and science, austere medicine and health care management. He previously was Professor of Emergency Medicine, Public Health, and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University.</p>
	<p><b>Lawrence O. Gostin, JD, LLD (Hon)</b>, is University Professor, Founding O'Neill Chair in Global Health Law, and Director, O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, Georgetown University Law Center, where he also directs the World Health Organization Collaborating Center on Public Health Law &amp; Human Rights. He is also Professor of Medicine at Georgetown University and Professor of Public Health at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.</p>
	<p><b>James G. Hodge, Jr., JD, LLM</b>, is Professor of Public Health Law and Ethics and Director, Public Health Law and Policy Program, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, Arizona State University (ASU). Since September 2010, he has also served as Director of the Western Region Office of the Network for Public Health Law, one of 5 centers nationally funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. He was previously Professor at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.</p>
	<p><b>James S. Blumenstock, MA</b>, is Chief Officer – Health Security, at the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), where he also serves as a member of its Executive Management Team responsible for enterprise-wide strategic planning, administrative services, member support, and public health advocacy. His expertise extends into infectious and emerging diseases, immunization, environmental health, public health preparedness and security (including pandemic influenza preparedness), and public health law.</p>
	<p><b>Umair A. Shah, MD, MPH</b>, is the Director of Harris County Public Health &amp; Environmental Services (HCPHES), and future President of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). His focus areas include global/refugee health; health equity; healthcare management; and emergency responses including TS Allison; Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, Ike; novel H1N1; and post-earthquakes in Kashmir and Haiti.</p>
	<p><b>Brooke Courtney, JD, MPH</b>, is the Senior Regulatory Counsel, Office of Counterterrorism and Emerging Threats in the Office of the Commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). At FDA, she works on domestic and international regulatory, policy, and legal issues related to chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear threats, including emerging infectious diseases. She was previously Director, Baltimore City Health Department's Office of Public Health Preparedness and Response.</p>
	<p><b>Lexi C. White, JD, PhD Candidate</b>, is a Fellow at the Public Health Law and Policy Program, Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, ASU, where she works on issues in emergency legal preparedness (among other areas). She completed her J.D. in December 2013 with a certificate in Law, Science and Technology specializing in Health Law. She is currently seeking her PhD at the School of Human Evolution and Social Change, ASU.</p>