

PHEL Competency Evaluation

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1. Are you employed in a position that is related to public health emergency preparedness, response, and/or recovery?

- Yes
- No

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2. Which of the following best describes your current position [choose only one]?

- Administrator, supervisor, or program manager
- Biostatistician or epidemiologist
- Environmental health specialist or environmental engineer
- Health communications specialist
- Laboratory scientist or technician
- Public health nurse
- Public health emergency preparedness planner
- Attorney/public health lawyer
- Other (please specify)

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3. At what level of government do you work?

- State health department or related agency
- Tribal health system or related agency
- Territorial health department or related agency
- Local health department or related agency
- Other public health or related agency
- None of the above

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4a. Which state?

State:

4b. Which tribe?

4c. Which territory?

- American Samoa
- Bajo Nuevo Bank
- Baker Island
- Guam
- Howland Island
- Jarvis Island
- Johnston Atoll
- Kingman Reef
- Midway Islands
- Navassa Island
- Northern Mariana Islands
- Palmyra Atoll
- Puerto Rico
- Serranilla Bank
- US Virgin Islands
- Wake Island
- Other (please specify)

4d. What is the name of your local health department?

Which local health department?

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4e. What is the name of your government agency?

Please describe the government agency:

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5. Public health law competencies are defined as the “abilities and skills to access and understand the relevant laws and to actually apply them to given health issues.” In your opinion, how important are each of the following competencies to performing the essential functions related to emergency preparedness and response?

	Not at all important	Slightly important	Moderately important	Very important	Extremely important/Essential
1.1: Act within the scope of federal, state, tribal, and local statutory and regulatory authority during emergency situations, and through state and/or federal declarations of emergency.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
1.2: Communicate legal authority and procedures to emergency response partners, such as other public health agencies, other health agencies, and other government agencies during planning, drills, and actual emergencies.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
1.3: Identify limits to legal knowledge, skill, and authority and key system resources, including legal advisors, for referring matters that exceed those limits.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
1.4: Integrate legal information into the exercise of professional public health judgment within the larger public health response.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2.1: Implement the use of relevant legal information, tools, procedures, and remedies including injunctions, closing orders, and abatement orders.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2.2: Identify how and under what circumstances legal searches, seizures, and destruction of property and material can take place for public health purposes.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
2.3: Describe the legal authorities related to the distribution and dispensation of medical supplies and the effect of a state and/or federal emergency or public health declaration on those authorities.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3.1: Implement the use of relevant legal information, tools, procedures, and remedies related to social distancing including evacuation, quarantine and	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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isolation orders, closure of public places, curfews.

3.2: Recognize the sources of potential civil and criminal liability of public health personnel and consider due process issues before taking legal action.

6. In your opinion, are there competencies other than the ones listed above that should be added to the PHEL competency model? List up to three.

Additional competency 1:

Additional competency 2:

Additional competency 3:

7. In your opinion, should individuals working in public health emergency response possess certain PHEL competencies as pre-employment qualifications, develop them on the job, or both? Check the statements you believe to be true for that specific competency:

	A practitioner must possess this competency as a pre-employment qualification <i>before</i> they start work in preparedness and response.	This competency is needed for superior performance in on-the-job preparedness and response work.
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3.2: Recognize the sources of potential civil and criminal liability of public health personnel and consider due process issues before taking legal action.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. To what degree have the PHEL competencies been incorporated into each of the following in your agency?

	1 Not at all incorporat ed	2-	3 Somewhat incorporat ed	4-	5 Extensivel y incorporat ed
a. Job descriptions of public health emergency personnel	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. Content of job trainings for public health emergency response	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. Guidelines for drafting emergency response plans	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
d. Guidelines for conducting after-action reporting procedures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

9. How often have you had to use the PHEL competencies in any of the following situations?

	Never	Rarely	Sometimes	Frequently
a. To measure overall response capabilities as a part of emergency response exercises?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
b. As part of the response to an actual emergency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
c. As part of the after-action review of an actual emergency?	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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Thank you for completing the survey.

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