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| **Public Health Law 6930**Fall 2019**Professor Jennifer Bard**Bard@uflaw.edu**Classroom** HH - 285A**Class time:** Mondays and Wednesdays from 1:30-2:55 PM**Office:** Room 356**Office Phone:** 352.273-0666 (not reliable way to reach me—please email!)**Office hours****:** Mondays and Wednesdays from 3.15-4.15 and by appointment.First Week AssignmentsGetting in an overview of Public Health and Public Health Law Monday August 26th1. Watch the American Public Health Association Video  [“What is Public Health?”](https://www.apha.org/what-is-public-health) (3.08) (Don’t forget to turn on captions). Is there anything mentioned that surprises you?
2. Read the Network for Public Health Law’s introduction to Public Health Law <https://www.apha.org/-/media/files/pdf/factsheets/what_is_public_health_law_factsheet.ashx?la=en&hash=7BCB29295AD654F171D55D4F9CF1A3D9DCF79400>
3. Read Chapter 1 in our book, Larry Gostin and Wiley and Lindsay Wiley, Public Health Law: Power, Duty, Restraint (Third Edition) (Gostin and Wiley) and consider how you would explain what they identify as the difference between “public health law” and “health law.” Consider the title of the book-and begin thinking about what you see as the federal and state government’s responsibilities to the public in the area of promoting and protecting health.
4. Visit the CDC Public Health Law News website to get an idea of the range of current public health law issues and subscribe to get monthly updates. <https://www.cdc.gov/phlp/index.html>

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| Wednesday August 28thThe clash between the public’s health and individual rights—how do we measure the risks?Question: How should the government assess the extent of a risk to the public as a whole before imposing restrictions on an individual?**Read**: Gostin and Wiley Chapter 2 and consider the justifications governments use to take action to protect public health. Also consider the role of risk assessment in drafting statutes.What do you think of the “Precautionary Principle”—where would you draw the line between individual liberty and public safety**Watch** CDC Video-Public Health Law: A Tool to Address Emerging Health Concerns. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kfavqthww1s> (12.36) Begin making a list of areas of law-whether discussed in the reading or video- involved in protecting and promoting the public’s health. What is Legal Epidemiology?**Watch**: This new story about nurse Kaci Hickox who was put in mandatory quarantine after returning from Sierra Leone. <https://www.wsj.com/video/does-nurse-kaci-hickox-have-a-case-against-maine/17A49CB5-4234-46E8-9724-6BFF34331858.html> (3.54). We will be learning a lot more about Ms. Hickox over the semester-do you think she acted reasonably?What legal rights is Ms. Hickox asserting?Who is asserting jurisdiction over her freedom of movement?How did the state governments (New Jersey and Maine) balance the risk to the public versus Ms. Hickox’ liberty? |