PUB. HEALTH LAW - Course Information

Professor Lars Noah

This class meets Mondays & Tuesdays @ 10:35 a.m.-12:00 in Rm. 283. Unless otherwise announced, office hours will take place on Wednesdays & Thursdays @ 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. in Rm. 335 (or you can try and make an appointment for a different time).

We will be using sections from the pre-publication manuscript for my casebook, Law and the Public’s Health: Cases, Controversies & Covid-19 (Carolina Academic Press forthcoming June 2023). You can access assigned pages on our Canvas site (grouped by week), but please don’t distribute these to anyone else or retain them after the end of this semester. (I’ll also post PowerPoint slides after each class on our Canvas site.)

The dates indicate when you should be prepared to discuss the assigned readings, while I’ll be showing the specified videos in class. Regular attendance and occasional participation are expected of everyone (I’ll try to keep track of both).

Jan. 17 (Tue): Table of Contents (highlighted to show what we’ll be covering)/Preface: i-xiv
Video: “Plague at the Golden Gate” (PBS America Experience May 24, 2022), slightly abridged [1:41:30] (carry over final 20 mins. to the start of next class).

Public Health Law During the Progressive Era (or Thereabouts)

Jan. 23 (Mon): Restrictions on Movement: 1-15
Jan. 24 (Tue): Forced Medical Interventions/School Closure: 15-28
Jan. 30 (Mon): Managing Other Places: 28-47
Jan. 31 (Tue): Managing Things & Information: 47-69

Managing People

Feb. 6 (Mon): Declaring Emergencies/Lockdowns: 71-94
Feb. 7 (Tue): Curfew/Quarantine/Isolation/Exclusion: 94-120
Feb. 14 (Tue): Face Masks in Schools: 137-64
Feb. 20 (Mon): Broader Mask Reqs./Other Forms of PPE: 165-82, 199-201
Feb. 21 (Tue): School Vaccination Reqs.: 201-17
Video: “The Vaccine War” (PBS Frontline Mar. 24, 2015), abridged [25:30]
Feb. 27 (Mon): Broader Vaccination Reqs./Mandatory Treatment: 217-33, 243-48
Feb. 28 (Tue): Mandatory Treatment (TB): 249-65
Mar. 6 (Mon): Criminalizing Contagious Behaviors: 265-86

Managing Places
Mar. 7 (Tue): Closing Schools & Houses of Worship/Indoor Smoking Bans: 287-302, 315-22
Mar. 20 (Mon): Closing Businesses (Nonessential/Nuisance)/Research Sites: 345-61, 440-46
Mar. 21 (Tue): Workplace Safety—Private Ordering & Federal Mandates: 361-86
Mar. 27 (Mon): Workplace Safety—Fed. Mandates (cont’d)/Eviction Moratorium: 386-413
Mar. 28 (Tue): Modes of Transportation—Fed. Mandates: 413-40

Managing Things & Information
Apr. 3 (Mon): Medical Countermeasures: 448-69
Apr. 4 (Tue): Rationing Health Care/Pasteurization & Fluoridation: 469-82, 503-12
Apr. 10 (Mon): Contaminated Drinking Water (Flint, MI): 488-502
Video: “Poisoned Water” (PBS Nova May 31, 2017), abridged [51:35]
Apr. 11 (Tue): Prohibitions (Pets & Products): 525-51
Apr. 18 (Tue): Squelching Physician Speech/Misinformation: 726-27, 742-59
Video: “Superspreaders” (FX & NYT Aug. 19, 2022), abridged [29:40]
Apr. 24 (Mon): Wrap up [course evals. (first 15 mins.)]
Connecting Dots/Welcome to the Regressive Era: 761, 772-77, 788-94, 805-07

May 5 (Thu): Final exam: Open book, 2 essay-style questions (probably given 1 hour for ea.), with strict word limits to discourage use of canned, nonresponsive answers.

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## Course Facts

**PUBLIC HEALTH LAW**  
Prof. Lars Noah  
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**Warning:** May cause users to become germophobes (or worse!)

**Additional statements:**
- High 1L course content (> 50%) may help to promote success on the bar exam.
- STEM-certified (fair dose of science)
- Offers a glimpse at the nature of sophisticated law practice, with specialization oriented toward public sector (rather than particular skill set or doctrinal category).
- Nutrient dense—short on empty calories (apart from screening a few PBS documentaries).

Rated "M" (mature audiences only) for occasional discussions of sex and drug use.