



2026 NC Local Health Directors' Legal Conference

Wednesday, April 22, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Time	Topics and Speaker(s)
8:00	Registration check-in and light continental breakfast in 2 nd Floor Atrium
9:00-10:00	Legislative and Regulatory Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Virginia Niehaus, JD, MPH, Director of Regulatory and Legal Affairs, NCDHHS Division of Public Health• Larry Michael, MPH, REHS, State Environmental Health Director and Chief, Environmental Health Section, NCDHHS Division of Public Health
10:00-11:00	Public Health Contracts in Practice: Structure, Compliance, & Risk <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Crista Cucarro, JD, UNC School of Government• Wendy Sivori, JD, Chief Deputy County Attorney, Guilford County
11:00-11:15	Break
11:15-12:15	Local Health Department Mandated Services <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stacie Turpin Saunders, MPH, Deputy Division Director and Chief, Local and Community Support Section, NCDHHS Division of Public Health• Devon Collins, JD, Deputy Director of Regulatory and Legal Affairs, NCDHHS Division of Public Health• Jill Moore, MPH, JD, UNC School of Government
12:15-1:15	Lunch in the dining room
1:15-2:00	Update from the Attorney General's Office <ul style="list-style-type: none">• John Schaeffer, JD, Special Deputy Attorney General, N.C. Department of Justice• Cannon Lane, JD, N.C. Department of Justice
2:00-2:15	Break
2:15-3:00	Vaccine Law & Policy in the US & NC in 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jill Moore, MPH, JD, UNC School of Government



- 3:00-4:00 **Vaccine Preventable Diseases and NC Communicable Disease Control Law**
- Emma Doran, MD, MPH, Medical Director, Vaccine Preventable and Respiratory Diseases, NCDHHS Division of Public Health
 - Virginia Niehaus, JD, MPH, Director of Regulatory and Legal Affairs, NCDHHS Division of Public Health
 - John Schaeffer, JD, Special Deputy Attorney General, N.C. Department of Justice
 - Jill Moore, MPH, JD, UNC School of Government

Thursday, April 23rd, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Time	Topics and Speaker(s)
8:30	Check-in by scanning your name tag QR code at the Registration table Light continental breakfast in the Atrium
9:00-10:00	Immigration Enforcement Actions and HIPAA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kirsten Leloudis, JD, MPH, UNC School of Government
10:00-10:15	Break
10:15-11:15	Emergency Management & Public Health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taylor Morris, JD, UNC School of Government
11:15-12:00	Hot Topics Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kristi Nickodem, JD, UNC School of Government • Jill Moore, MPH, JD, UNC School of Government
12:00-1:00	Lunch in the dining room
1:00-3:00	NCALHD business meeting in 2603