

SOG Publications

NC public health law website

The School of Government maintains a NC public health law website at www.ncphlaw.unc.edu. The website includes frequently asked questions and links to SOG publications or course materials on public health law issues. The website is organized by topic and includes materials on communicable disease control, environmental health, HIPAA/medical confidentiality, immigrant health, medical treatment of minors, the NC public health system, smoking regulation, and animal control.

Coates' Canons blog

More than a dozen faculty members contribute to the SOG's local government law blog, [Coates' Canons](#).¹ The blog is updated 2-3 times weekly with posts on various legal issues of interest to local government. There are several ways to find topics that are of particular interest to public health:

- *Topic links:* There is a list of blog topics on the left side of the blog's home page. One of the topics is public health. Click on that link to see every post that was tagged "public health" by the post's author.
- *Key word search:* On the right side of the blog's home page is a search box where you can enter a key word of interest, such as "bedbugs" or "vaccine." A list will appear with links to blog posts that contain the key word.

Other publications

The SOG also publishes books, law bulletins, legislative updates, manuals, monographs, and research reports on many issues of interest to North Carolina public officials and employees. Most of these are available through the School's [publications](#) website.² There is a charge for some publications, but many of interest to public health are available for free downloading. There are two ways to find publications through this website:

- *Key word search:* Enter a key word or words into the search box on the left side of the webpage. For example, words such as "quarantine," "smoking," or "rabies" will bring up SOG publications on those topics.
- *Browsing:* You can browse by using the bookstore links on the left side of the main publications page. There are links that will take you to sections featuring new publications, bulletins, archives of the SOG magazine "Popular Government," and more.

Publications that may be of particular interest to public health include:

¹ The URL for the blog is <http://sogweb.sog.unc.edu/blogs/localgovt/>.

² To reach the SOG publications website, go to www.sog.unc.edu and click on the Publications link at the top of the page.

- [Legislative summaries](#):³ Each year, the SOG produces summaries of legislation of interest to local and state government officials. The summaries are in a variety of formats, including outlines, bulletins, and blog posts. For convenience they are collected and organized by subject matter on this web page.
- [Health Law Bulletins](#):⁴ These are published periodically to address discrete legal issues or recent changes in law. Health law bulletins may be downloaded and printed for free through the SOG's publications website. Some frequently-used bulletins include:
 - Immunizations for Children and Adolescents: Frequently Asked Questions about North Carolina's Laws, by Jill Moore (July 2009).
 - Smoking in Public Places: Recent Changes in State Law, by Aimee N. Wall (May 2009).
 - The North Carolina Public Health System's Isolation and Quarantine Authority, by Jill D. Moore (July 2006).
 - Responding to Subpoenas for Health Department Records, by John Rubin and Aimee N. Wall (September 2005).
 - The Rulemaking Authority of North Carolina Local Boards of Health, by Aimee N. Wall (November 2003).
- *Other Law Bulletins*: Other SOG law bulletin series may be of interest to public health officials, including Local Government Law Bulletins, Public Employment Law Bulletins, and more. You can find all the bulletins through the bulletins link on the SOG publications page. Two bulletins that may be of particular interest to public health are:
 - An Overview of North Carolina's Rabies Control Law, by Aimee Wall (October 2011).
 - Are Immigrants Eligible for Publicly Funded Benefits and Services? by Jill D. Moore (May 2007).
- [Municipal & County Government in North Carolina](#):⁵ This is a reference book on North Carolina county and municipal government that provides a comprehensive treatment of the legal foundations, organization, and the administration of the state's counties and cities. The SOG sells looseleaf and CD-ROM versions of the entire book, but individual chapters are also available in two formats:
 - You can download a view-only PDF version of a chapter for free. These files will not print, but you can read them on your computer screen as often as you like.
 - You can purchase a PDF version of a chapter to print. At present, printable PDF files cost \$10-\$15 each.

³ The URL for legislative summaries is <http://dailybulletin.unc.edu/summaries11/>.

⁴ You can find Health Law Bulletins by navigating through links on the SOG publications site, or go directly to the bulletins by entering this into your browser: <http://shopping.netsuite.com/s.nl/c.433425/sc.7/category.49/f>.

⁵ The URL is <http://sogpubs.unc.edu/cmgl/>.