

2026 Policy Surveillance Institute Agenda

August 6 – 7, 2026, Philadelphia, PA
July 28, 2026, Optional Intro to Legal Research Virtual Session

The 2026 Policy Surveillance Institute will teach scientific legal mapping methods. All times are in Eastern Time.

Tuesday, July 28 (Optional)

Time	Session
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Introduction to the Law & Legal Research Danny Buckwalter, JD, MLIS, Law Librarian, Temple University Beasley School of Law

Thursday, August 6

Time	Session
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.	Breakfast and Registration
9:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Welcome Remarks: Introduction to Legal Epidemiology Lindsay Cloud, JD, PhD, Deputy Director Center for Public Health Law Research, Assistant Professor of Public Health, Temple University Barnett College of Public Health
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.	Introduction to Policy Surveillance: Project Scoping & Conducting Background Research
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Networking Lunch
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.	Developing Coding Questions
2:00 – 2:15 p.m.	Break
2:15 – 4:15 p.m.	Collecting the Law and Creating the Legal Text
5:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Networking Reception <i>Unwind from a day of learning with hors d'oeuvres and drinks!</i>

Friday, August 7

Time	Session
8:00 – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Coding the Law
10:45 – 11:00 a.m.	Break
11:00 am – 12:00 p.m.	Guest Lecture: Policy Rating

	<i>Jamie Chriqui, PhD, MHS</i> , Senior Associate Dean and Professor of Health Policy and Administration, University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health
12:00 – 12:40 p.m.	Quality Control
12:40 – 2:00 p.m.	Lunch and Learn: Tracking & Updating the Law CityHealth: A Decade of Promoting Healthier Cities Across the United States. <i>Cassandra Allen, MPH</i> , Program Officer, CityHealth
2:00 – 2:30 p.m.	Publication and Dissemination <i>Bethany Saxon, MS</i> , Director of Communications, Center for Public Health Law Research
2:30 – 3:30 p.m.	Going a Step Further with Legal Data <i>Evan Anderson, JD, PhD</i> , Associate Professor of Public Health, Thomas Jefferson University College of Population Health
3:30 – 4:00 p.m.	Closing Remarks <i>Alex Hess, JD, MPH</i> , Legal Training Manager, Center for Public Health Law Research
4:00 – 4:30 p.m.	Optional Q&A and Technical Assistance Session <i>Center for Public Health Law Research Staff</i>