

# Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Technical Assistance (TA) Center

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS RESOURCE LIST

## Resources on the Role of Public Health Officials in School Safety Efforts

### REMS TA Center Resources

**[Specialized Training Package: Infectious Disease Planning Module](#)** Access this specialized training package to learn about incorporating infectious disease planning into a school emergency operations plan (EOP).

**[Emergency Exercises Package: Infectious Disease Tabletop Exercise](#)** Access this exercise package for an introduction to emergency exercises. It provides tabletop exercise instructions, scenarios/injects, podcasts, and accompanying resources on power outages and infectious disease outbreaks.

**[School EOPs In-Depth: Planning for Infectious Diseases Online Course](#)** Access this course to learn how to incorporate infectious disease planning into a school emergency operations plan.

**[Ordering Masks and Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\) for Schools: Keeping the Whole Community Safe in School Buildings](#)** Read this fact sheet for information and tips on using masks and PPE as mitigation tools, such as understanding types; designing usage requirements based on role; confirming state requirements and recommendations; training students, faculty, and staff on proper usage; creating virtual and in-person trainings; developing a self-inspection checklist; addressing issues with access and shortages; and identifying supportive resources.

**[Pandemic Planning: Developing an Infectious Disease Annex](#)** Read this fact sheet for recommendations to develop or enhance an infectious disease annex within an emergency operations plan and for considerations specific to pandemic planning.

**[State Map of Emergency Management Resources](#)** Use this interactive map to gather state-level information related to school and higher education safety and emergency management.

### Federal Partner Resources

**[Guide for Developing High-Quality School Emergency Operations Plans](#)** (U.S. Departments of Education; Health and Human Services; Homeland Security, led by the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and Justice, led by the Federal Bureau of Investigation). Read about the six-step planning process for schools to develop, revise, or review a school EOP.



If you have questions or need additional assistance, please contact the REMS TA Center at (855) 781-REMS (7367) or [info@remstacenter.org](mailto:info@remstacenter.org).

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[The Role of Districts in Developing High-Quality School Emergency Operations Plans](#) (U.S. Departments of Education; Health and Human Services; Homeland Security, led by the Federal Emergency Management Agency; and Justice, led by the Federal Bureau of Investigation). Read about how school districts can fulfill both their individual and their shared emergency planning responsibilities in school EOP development.

[Working with Schools 101](#) (TRAIN Learning Network). Access this training to learn strategies to work with schools. This training is divided into three sections: Section 1—Federal, State, and Local Education Agency Roles and Responsibilities; Section 2—Preparing for Successful Discussions with Local School Administrators and Staff; and Section 3—Applying Public Health Knowledge and Practice in School Settings.

[National Preparedness Goal](#) (Federal Emergency Management Agency). Learn about the National Preparedness Goal, its five mission areas, and 32 core capabilities to assist everyone who has a role in achieving all missions of the Goal.

[National Planning Frameworks](#) (Federal Emergency Management Agency). Read information about the National Planning Frameworks and the five mission areas.

[Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Capabilities: National Standards for State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Public Health](#) (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). Read this web page to learn more about the 15 Public Health Preparedness Capabilities.

[Caring for Children in a Disaster](#) (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention). Access this web page to gain resources to support children’s needs during public health emergencies.