

NAME OF EVENT: Contained? Government Authority During a Health Crisis
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DATE | TIME | LOCATION: March 6, 2020 | 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. ET | Briefing Call

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: On January 31st, Secretary of Health and Human Services Alex Azar declared a national public health emergency in response to the global spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). With the warnings from health officials that the virus will “almost certainly” spread in the United States becoming reality, what legal authorities do federal and state governments have at their disposal to deal with this outbreak? Is a quarantine possible? Are there war-time precedents that the government can rely upon to force private industry to produce medical supplies? And what limitations on government action exist to ensure that civil liberties aren’t infringed and that the health crisis isn’t misused for political reasons?

SPEAKERS’ NAMES AND BIOS:

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Debra Perlin, Director of Policy and Program, ACS, *Moderator*

AGENDA OF CONFERENCE CALL:

5 minutes introduction
30 minutes speakers’ presentations
20 minutes Q&A
5 minutes conclusion

MATERIALS FOR CALL:

Michele Goodwin & Erwin Chemerinsky, [*No Immunity: Race, Class, and Civil Liberties in Times of Health Crisis*](#), 129 HARV. L. REV. 956 (Feb. 9, 2016).

Robert Chesney, [*The Quarantine Power: A Primer in Light of the Coronavirus Situation*](#), LAWFARE (Feb. 7, 2020).

Lisa Monaco, [*The Coronavirus Shows Why the U.S. Must Make Pandemic Disease a National Security Priority*](#), LAWFARE (Feb. 7, 2020).

Elizabeth Goitein, [*The Alarming Scope of the President's Emergency Powers*](#), THE ATLANTIC (Jan 2019).

Lawrence Gostin, [*U.S. Emergency legal responses to Novel Coronavirus: Balancing Public Health and Civil Liberties*](#), JAMA (Feb. 13, 2020).

Stephen I. Vladeck, [*The Field Theory: Martial Law, the Suspension Power, and the Insurrection Act*](#), TEMPLE L. REV. (Summer 2007).

Howard Fischer, [*State Law Give Gov. Ducey Wide Authority To Deal With Viral Outbreak Like Coronavirus*](#), TUSCON.COM (Feb. 28, 2020).

Aris Folley, [*Florida Governor Declares Public Health Emergency After State Records First Coronavirus Cases*](#), THE HILL (March 2, 2020).

Noah Weiland and Emily Cochrane, [*Government Eyes War Powers to Speed Medical Manufacturing Ahead of Virus*](#), NY TIMES (Feb. 28, 2020).

Kelly Cannon, [*Some Election Officials Scrambling To Address Coronavirus Concerns Ahead of Super Tuesday*](#), ABC NEWS (March 1, 2020).

Eliza Relman, [*Experts Say Officials Need a "Plan B" For the 2020 Elections in Case The Coronavirus Continues To Spread In the United States*](#), BUSINESS INSIDER (Feb. 27, 2020).