

PUBLIC HEALTH 101

BUILDING A 21ST CENTURY PUBLIC HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE



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The Gold Room
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Ice cream will be served.

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The Honorable Rob Wittman · The Honorable Gene Green
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SPEAKERS

Moderator: Donna Meltzer
President, Coalition for Health Funding

Rear Admiral Retired Boris D. Lushniak, MD, MPH
Dean, University of Maryland School of Public Health

Julie Morita, MD
Commissioner, Chicago Department of Health

Shelley Price, MS, FHIMSS
Director, Payer and Life Sciences, HIMSS North America

Scott J. Zimmerman, DrPH, MPH
Director, State Laboratory of Public Health, North Carolina
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National and global health security depends on timely, complete, and accurate detection and reporting of diseases and conditions. Unfortunately, as with our nation's roads and bridges, the nation's public health infrastructure remains antiquated and in need of modernization. Too many government public health agencies rely on 20th Century methods for surveillance, including paper-based information sharing and minimal integration with rapidly advancing technologies such as electronic health records. Too many public health professionals have been denied professional development and career opportunities due to budget cuts at the federal, state, and local level. Indeed, to date both the public health infrastructure itself and the workforce needed to build and sustain it have been woefully underfunded.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower changed the face of American infrastructure, commerce, connectivity, and way of life by investing in the development of our nation's first Interstate Highway System in the '50s and '60s. Today, lawmakers have the opportunity to leave an impactful legacy, transforming the future of disease surveillance to save countless lives. This briefing will bring together experts working on the frontlines of public health surveillance, response, and education to discuss who, what, and how much is needed to build a 21st Century public health infrastructure, and the importance of doing so.

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