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Director's Note

It is my pleasure to present the 2019 *Public Health Emergency Law Manual, 2nd Edition*. Since the initial manual was released in June 2017, we have received experienced emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases, weather, and other events that have necessitated a public health emergency response. As a living document the intent is to keep this preparedness tool current and readily accessible to all who touch a public health emergency response in the District. We have added new material and updated existing material that we believe will be useful to District agencies and community partners who, together, make up the District's public health system.

As we strive to make the District the healthiest city in the nation, it is our goal to make District residents prepared, not scared.

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