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All District of Columbia residents share the hope that the District never encounters a public health emergency, and the expectation that, if it does, public health authorities stand ready to immediately and effectively respond. This manual is intended to help public officials, health practitioners, lawyers, and judges safeguard the public interest during such a crisis by defining the roles and responsibilities of these major players, and by identifying the relevant laws and legal issues.

I am pleased that the Office of Attorney General was able participate in this important collaboration, and grateful for the hard work that went into it.

Sincerely,

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