Codebook for Regulating Public Health Measures

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This codebook describes the variables in a dataset that details state legislation regulating public health measures. This is a longitudinal dataset displaying bills introduced between January 1, 2021, and May 20, 2022. The jurisdictions selected for measurement are the 50 states and the District of Columbia.

For this dataset, the **series_title** column on the Summary Data sheet displays the individual bill number.

This codebook should be used in conjunction with the statistical data extract that can be downloaded from the dataset homepage by clicking on the Data button. There are four standard variables in every LawAtlas dataset. They are:

JURISDICTION

This is a dropdown selection in each coding form. It includes the jurisdictions coded in the dataset.

EFFECTIVE DATE

This date (MM/DD/YYYY) is the most recent effective date of the legal text captured for this place. The effective date represents the date the policy coded was put into effect.

VALID THROUGH DATE

This date (MM/DD/YYYY) is either the last date a law or policy was in effect prior to an amendment or the last date the researcher confirmed the law or policy was in effect during the research process.

LEGAL TEXT

This is a text box that captures all legal text relevant to the coding questions. This will not download into Microsoft Excel.

An important note about the Statistical data page:

This codebook should be used in conjunction with the statistical data extract that can be downloaded from the dataset homepage by clicking on the Data button. The value labels defined below will correspond with the coded responses you will see on the Statistical data page. Coding questions that are not answered will show as a period (".") in the Excel cell. Coding questions can be intentionally not answered, such as when a state does not have a law and the coder therefore leaves the remaining coding answers as unanswered.

Questions	
Question 1:	**Is there a bill in the state on a pandemic-related public health measure?**
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1:	**PHM_bill**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 1.1:	**What is the bill's number?**
Question Type:	Text Field
Variable Name 1.1:	**PHM_bnum**
Question 1.2:	**When was the bill introduced?**
Question Type:	Date Field
Variable Name 1.2:	**PHM_bintro**
Question 1.3:	**What is the bill's status?**
Question Type:	Categorical - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 1.3:	**PHM_bact**
Variable Values:	0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5
Value Label:	0 = Introduced
Value Label:	1 = Passed First Chamber
Value Label:	2 = Passed Second Chamber
Value Label:	3 = Failed
Value Label:	4 = Vetoed
Value Label:	5 = Enacted

Question 1.4:	What was the date of the last action?
Question Type:	Date Field
Variable Name 1.4:	**PHM_bactd**
Question 2:	**Is there a bill on a pandemic-related public health measure?**
Question Type:	Binary - mutually exclusive
Variable Name 2:	**PHM_phmbill**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Question 2.1:	**What kind of public health measure?**
Question Type:	Categorical - check all that apply
Variable Name 2.1(A):	**PHM_phmtype_Vaccine measures**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1(B):	**PHM_phmtype_Testing measures**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1(C):	**PHM_phmtype_Mask measures**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes

Variable Name 2.1(D):	**PHM_phmtype_School measures**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1(E):	**PHM_phmtype_Business measures**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1(F):	**PHM_phmtype_Place of worship measures**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1(G):	**PHM_phmtype_Isolation measures**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1(H):	**PHM_phmtype_Quarantine measures**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes
Variable Name 2.1(I):	**PHM_phmtype_Other**
Variable Values:	0, 1
Value Label:	0 = No
Value Label:	1 = Yes