

Legislative Emergency Epidemic Response Committee (§2-3-1503)

The Committee was created by the passage of SB 07-229.

1) Composition of LEERC:

11 member committee

2 members of the Senate, appointed by president of the Senate, 1 from each major political party

2 members of the House of Representatives, appointed by the speaker of the House, 1 from each major political party

Secretary of the Senate

Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives

Staff director of Joint Budget Committee or designee

Director of Legislative Council or designee

Director of Office of Legislative Legal Services or designee

State Auditor or designee

Director of Legislative Information Services or designee

2) Duties/Scope of Authority of LEERC as outlined in §2-5-1503, C.R.S.

- Develop a plan for response by and continuation of operations of the general assembly and the legislative service agencies in the event of an emergency epidemic *COMPLETED* - note this focus is just aimed at continuity of operations of the legislative branch
- Cooperate and coordinate with the Governor's Disaster Emergency Council, Division of Emergency Management in DOLA, Department of Public Health and Environment, Governor's Expert Emergency Epidemic Response Committee (GEERC) in developing the plan *COMPLETED*
- Submit the plan to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, the Governor, the Executive Director of the Department no later than July 1, 2008 *COMPLETED* - The report was finalized in June 2008 and presented to Legislative Council on October 15, 2008
- Meet at least annually to review and amend the plan as necessary and provide any updated plan to the persons specified in statute. *IN PROGRESS*
- If the Governor declares an emergency epidemic to be a disaster emergency pursuant to section 24-31-2104, C.R.S., the LEERC shall convene as rapidly and as often as necessary *REACT AS NEEDED*