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The authors of the articles in this Symposium were drawn from the academic, practitioner and consultive communities in emergency management, public health, public administration and related fields. Because this is a policy issue, the authors were asked to go beyond their basic findings and to offer policy recommendations derived from their research. These conclusions and recommendations belong to the authors alone and do not necessarily reflect the position, if any, of the editor of the volume, the Pennsylvania Political Science Association, the Legislative Office for Research Liaison or the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

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