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The following table provides access to names and contact information for CRS experts on policy concerns relating to public health and emergency preparedness. Policy areas identified include

- public health and medical system preparedness and response;
- legal issues in preparedness and response;
- medical countermeasures;
- homeland security research and development; and
- health effects of threat agents.

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