

2019 NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

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DAILY THEME — DAY 5



Climate Change

Friday, April 5

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For science: Climate change is expected to have—and is already producing—serious impacts on people’s health and well-being. Climate change: is linked to more frequent and extreme natural disasters, such as hurricanes, flooding and drought; is expected to negatively impact food security, water and air quality; and exacerbates the risks of vector-borne diseases, such as West Nile virus and Lyme disease. See the [County Climate Action Plan](#) and [Excessive Heat Response Plan](#).

For action: Climate change is real. It's happening and human activities are a main cause. Call for adequate funding to support public health workers in monitoring, preparing for, and responding to the health effects of climate change. Support policies that help mitigate and prevent worsening climate change, such as rules that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and partnerships that reduce people's reliance on cars.

For health: Many U.S. health departments are participating in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) [Climate-Ready States and Cities Initiative](#) and embracing CDC's five-step Building Resilience Against Climate Effects, or [BRACE](#), framework. Addressing climate change also comes with new opportunities to save lives and improve health. Climate change is encouraging sectors and communities to begin the shift away from fossil fuels and toward renewable, clean energies. Smart policies such as reducing power plant emissions can prevent premature deaths and provide public health benefits. See the local [Climate Change Assessment](#).

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