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CDC's Environmental Health Nexus (EH Nexus) shares environmental health messages with the public and gives special attention to environmental justice.

EH Nexus newsletters provide information about environmental health issues and promotes actions to help save lives. The newsletters explain how to reduce harm from many threats, such as climate change, contaminated food and water, toxic environments, and inadequate systems and practices.

This issue covers the following topics:

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Be Ready! Preparing for Tornados

Be Ready! Tornadoes

- **Look up!** If you see any of these danger signs, take shelter immediately:
 - A dark or green colored sky
 - Large, dark, low-lying cloud
 - Large hail
 - A Loud roar similar to a freight train
- **Get out!** Don't stay in a mobile home during a tornado. Find a sturdy building, or seek shelter outside.
- **Watch out!** Most fatalities and injuries are caused by flying debris.
- **Tornado watch:** Tornadoes are possible. Be alert to changing conditions.
Tornado warning: A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Take shelter immediately.
- **Stay tuned!** Listen to local radio and TV stations for weather updates. Take shelter if a tornado warning is issued.
- **Be cautious!** Do not try to outrun a tornado. Find a sturdy building to take shelter or stop your car, put your head below the windows, and cover your head.
- **Take shelter!** The safest place is the interior part of a basement or an inside room, without windows, on the lowest floor.



2nd Annual National Integrated Heat Health Information System (NIHHIS) National Meeting

Join us for the 2nd annual
NIHHIS NATIONAL MEETING

April 25 - 27, 2023
 12:00 - 4:00 PM ET
 Virtual (Zoom)




Hosted by
the CDC
Environmental
Health Nexus

The NIHHIS National Meeting will take place on April 25-27, 2023 via Zoom.

The 2nd Annual NIHHIS National Meeting aims to bring together multiple stakeholders including federal agencies, state and local government, private and public partners, and community leaders. This meeting will discuss heat and health with the goal of reducing risk on multiple timescales and geographic scales. This meeting is focused on engaging communities and developing a shared vision for community heat resilience. The three themes of the meeting include: Intersections in Heat and Health; Highlighting Science, Innovation, and Research; and State, Local, and Territorial Policies and Practices in Heat Planning.

Participants will be able to join the NIHHS Meeting hosted by CDC's Environmental Health Nexus virtually via Zoom. The meeting includes keynote speakers, presentations, and panel discussions. The meeting will also include virtual networking opportunities.

Visit CDC's EH Nexus website for additional details and registration information: bit.ly/NIHHIS2023 

https://www.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_P_9K20xUQRGrv4Cwh8xSlg 

Environmental Health Updates and Resources

Working on an outbreak investigation?

Watch CDC's short training video, *From Inspector to Investigator: Finding the Factors That Lead to Foodborne Outbreaks*.


Learn about the factors that contribute to outbreaks so you can understand how and why the outbreak occurred. Identifying these **factors** can help stop outbreaks and prevent them in the future.

CDC Releases 2023 Model Aquatic Health Code (MAHC)

Use the **MAHC** to reduce risk for outbreaks, drowning, and other injuries associated with public pools, hot tubs, or splash pads. Visit the website to access the new edition; find out what changed since the previous edition; and explore tools, forms, trainings, and more to strengthen aquatic health and safety programs.

Water Quality

Recreational Water Illnesses

This webinar will cover what the latest national surveillance data tell us about the state of design, construction, operation, and management of U.S. public aquatic venues open to the public and underscore the need for the Model Aquatic Health Code. Thursday, April 27, 2 pm ET. Learn more and register at: www.neha.org/water-webinar-series 

Lead exposure is a continuing public health concern, with many missed opportunities for prevention. Current lead exposures remain too high among certain populations at higher risk.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) requests submission of manuscripts for a potential supplemental issue of *Pediatrics* entitled:

The Impact of Lead Exposure on Children and Adolescents: Current Updates. The anticipated publication date is October 2024 and the deadline for submissions is October 30, 2023. We encourage submission of manuscripts in the following categories:

- Reports of original research and clinical research
- Commentaries
- Family partnerships
- Case reports

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