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EH Scan

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH SCAN

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AIR QUALITY • Indoor air • Outdoor air • Radon, Other	**CLIMATE CHANGE** • Extreme weather • Flooding • Sea level rise • Wildfires, Other	**DISEASES, VECTORS, PESTS** • COVID-19 • Animal vectors • Insect vectors • Pests, Other
FOOD • Food safety • Food security • Growing food, Other	**BUILT ENVIRONMENT** • Green& blue spaces • Housing • Noise • Planning & design • Transportation, Other	**PUBLIC HEALTH FUNDAMENTALS** • Communication • Health promotion • Health impact assessment • Health equity • One Health, Other
WATER • Drinking water • Recreational water • Small water systems • Wastewater, Other	**NON-CLIMATE RELATED DISASTERS** • Marine • Terrestrial, Other • Emergencies-general	**OTHER TOPICS** • Cannabis products • Tobacco, nicotine products • Ionizing, non-ionizing radiation • Personal services establishments, Other
SPECIFIC POPULATIONS (children, Indigenous Peoples, older adults, other)		

Environmental Health (EH) Research Scan: Aims and scope
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EDITOR PICKS

Monitoring temperature variability inside a healthcare facility during an extreme heat event using low-cost sensors [journal article].

Sarah B Henderson, Scientific Director, Environmental Health Services, BCCDC and the National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health (NCCEH), and co-authors

"Our findings illustrate the benefits of actively monitoring temperatures throughout healthcare facilities to understand heat exposure in different areas. We explore how this information can help healthcare providers make real-time decisions to protect."

Using low-cost air quality sensors to estimate wildfire smoke infiltration into childcare facilities in British Columbia, Canada [journal article].

Michael Lee, Epidemiologist, Environmental Health Services, BCCDC, and co-authors

"We found that indoor $PM_{2.5}$ in childcare facilities increased with outdoor $PM_{2.5}$. This effect varied between facilities and between wildfire-smoke and non-wildfire smoke days. These findings highlight the importance of air quality monitoring at childcare facilities for informed decision-making."

Extreme cold [subject guide].

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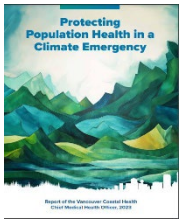
"The resources listed are intended to assist environmental public health professionals with the management of extreme cold events, including health and safety precautions to take during cold weather, and considerations for issuing extreme cold alerts."

The importance of collaborative foodborne illness outbreak investigations [blog].

Ken Diplock

"This blog delves into the importance of collaborative approaches adopted in Canada for FBI outbreak investigations, the potential of Whole Genome Sequencing (WGS) to permit earlier detection and enhanced clarity of linkages and source attribution in FBI outbreak investigations, and the pivotal role of Environmental Public Health Professionals (EPHP) as well as the current challenges related to FBI outbreak investigations."

Protecting population health in a climate emergency. VCH Chief Medical Health Officer Report 2023.



Vancouver Coastal Health

"This report brings together multiple sources of data and analyses to describe the impacts of climate change on population health in the Vancouver Coastal Health (VCH) region."

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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH SCAN

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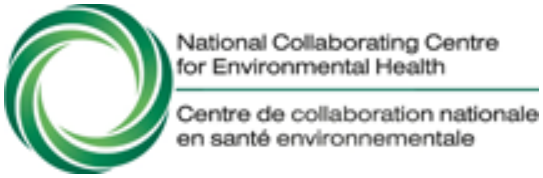

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