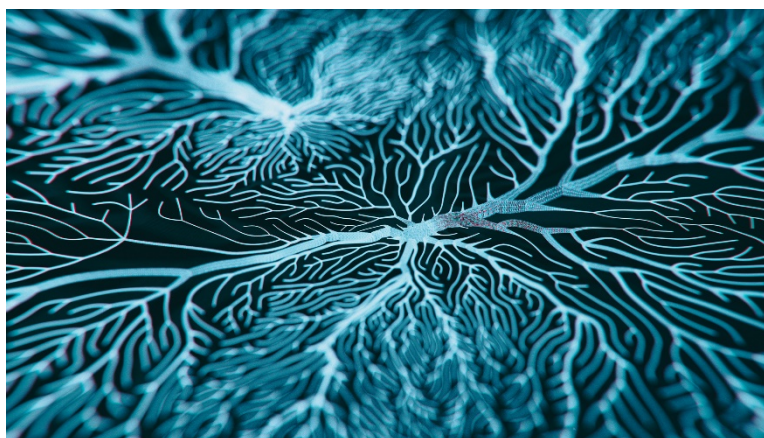


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Environmental Health (EH) Research Scan: Aims and Scope

NCCEH's EH Research Scan aims to expand awareness of topics in environmental health, in line with NCCEH's vision to be the indispensable online resource for environmental health practitioners and policy-makers across Canada. "We focus on health risks associated with the physical environment and identify evidence-based interventions to mitigate those risks." This review is not official or peer reviewed. It does not cover all research, news, and information, and NCCEH is not responsible for the accuracy of the content from media or databases. How to access the items? Click on the link related to each entry and it should take you to the item. Not all links are open access; some are abstract links where paid journal subscription is required. **COVID-19 Publications** are listed in the sections above and there are also **COVID-19 Additional Topics** at the end of this issue.

EDITOR PICKS

Can CO2 sensors be used to assess COVID-19 transmission risk? [blog]

Angela Eykelbosh, NCCEH Knowledge Translation Scientist

“This blog looks at some of the evidence for the use of CO₂ sensors in assessing transmission risk and identifies potential pitfalls for further consideration.”



Looking for COVID clues in our sewers [blog]

Juliette O'Keeffe, NCCEH Knowledge Translation Scientist

“As methods in wastewater-based epidemiology (WBE) continue to be refined, work is now needed to understand how the data can best be used to complement public health efforts to control COVID-19. This document includes examples of potential applications of WBE in the current pandemic.”

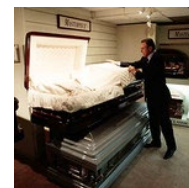


Death care during the COVID-19 pandemic: understanding the public health risks (forthcoming)

Juliette O'Keeffe, NCCEH Knowledge Translation Scientist

“A rapid literature review was conducted in respect to the following research questions:

- What is the evidence on the persistence of SARS-CoV-2 virus on the surface of a corpse or in bodily tissues or fluids that may be encountered post-mortem?*
- What is the evidence for transmission of SARS-CoV-2 from a deceased person to others?*
- What is the evidence on incidence of COVID-19 infection or mortality among occupations that have direct contact with bodies of deceased person known to be infected with COVID-19?”*



Health Resources for the COVID-19 Pandemic – updated [topic page]

National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health

NCCEH has prepared a specially curated topic page on Covid-19. Visit

<http://www.ncceh.ca/environmental-health-canada/ncceh-health-agency-project/desc>



Use of Portable Air Cleaners and Transmission of COVID-19

Ontario Agency for Health Protection and Promotion (Public Health Ontario).

“This document is intended to be a technical resource on the use of a portable air cleaner where it is considered as a supportive measure to improve indoor air quality.”



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