

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH SCAN

WITH COVID-19 SECTIONS

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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. This research scan is not peer reviewed; it does not cover all research, news, and information, and NCCEH is not responsible for the accuracy of the content from media or databases. 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](#)**.

EDITOR PICKS

Floods: prevention, preparedness, response and recovery [topic page]

Angela Eykelbosh, Knowledge Translation Scientist, National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health

This topic page provides a collection of key resources on preventing extreme flooding and mitigating its risks, as well as resources to assist during the response and recovery phases.



Flood zones are danger zones [BCCDC web page] [poster]

British Columbia Centre for Disease Control and the National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health

Numerous hazards may be present in a flood zone, and they may be difficult to spot due to the surrounding damage and the emotion of returning home. These resources identify some of the key hazards to be aware of before entering a flood zone.



Changing trends in paralytic shellfish poisonings reflect increasing sea surface temperatures and practices of indigenous and recreational harvesters in British Columbia, Canada

Lorraine McIntyre (right), Food Safety Specialist, BC Centre for Disease Control; Aroha Miller; Tom Kosatsky

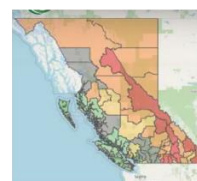
“To guide understanding of self-harvesting consumption risks, we recommend collecting data to determine when PST-producing algae are present in high concentrations, improving the quality of data in online shellfish harvest maps to include dates of last testing; biotoxin testing results; and a description of bivalve species tested.”



The British Columbia Radon Data Repository – What is it and how can we use it? [webinar]

David McVea, Public Health Physician, Environmental Health Services, BC Centre for Disease Control; Jeffrey Trieu, Epidemiologist, BC Centre for Disease Control

“The British Columbia Radon Data Repository (BCRDR) houses de-identified indoor radon readings from across the province. The BCRDR includes radon readings from a variety of building types.”more



Accessibility in the face of a pandemic: how inclusive features are undermined in health crises, and what we can do to improve [webinar]

Darby Lee Young, Principal Accessibility Strategist

“By introducing the concept of disability-led design and incorporating lived-experience examples, this webinar further elucidates the power that is traditionally embedded and distributed within the creative process and intends to advocate for people with disabilities to be seen not just as end-users of design, but as drivers of design.”more



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ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING

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