

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 This research scan is not peer reviewed; it does not cover all research, news, and information, and NCCEH is not responsible for the accuracy of the content from media or databases.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

### Extreme heat [topic page].

National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health

*“This topic page aims to provide a list of curated resources on preparing for and responding to extreme heat events. The first section lists resources directed at individuals, households and communities, while the second section lists resources directed at public health professionals and policy-makers. Lastly, resources on risk communication for extreme heat events are also shared.”*



### As wildfire season approaches, new studies show air pollution linked to severe health outcomes [CBC News]. Peggy Lam

*“Sarah Henderson [pictured on right], scientific director of environmental health services at the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC), says when it comes to [health risks](#), heart disease is the primary condition associated with long term exposure to polluted air, followed by respiratory disease, cancer and diabetes. “It doesn't typically put us at immediate risk, but over the course of days and months and years, air pollution is damaging to human health, all forms of it....” more*



### Preventing injuries and deaths during extreme heat events [webinar-June 29, 2022, 12-1pm Pacific Time – register now; cost: free].

Glen Kenny, Robert Meade, University of Ottawa  
Sarah Henderson, National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health, BC Centre for Disease Control

*“In this webinar we will review how science is helping to generate the evidence-based heat protection solutions (e.g., use of cooling centers, fan use) and advice to safeguard the health and well-being of susceptible people during extreme hot weather.”*



### Fires, floods & hurricanes: protecting Canadians by identifying and managing threats to safe drinking water [webinar].

Monica Emelko, Professor and Canada Research Chair in Water Science, Technology & Policy, University of Waterloo; Associate Director of Climate Risk, Resilience, and Adaptation at the Interdisciplinary Centre on Climate Change

*Her research is focused on drinking water treatment and risk analysis for public health protection. Dr. Emelko and her research group have investigated the effects of climate-exacerbated land disturbances on hydrology, water quality, ecology, and treatability and they were the first globally to be cited by the IPCC for identifying climate change-associated threats to drinking security through water quality and treatability.*



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