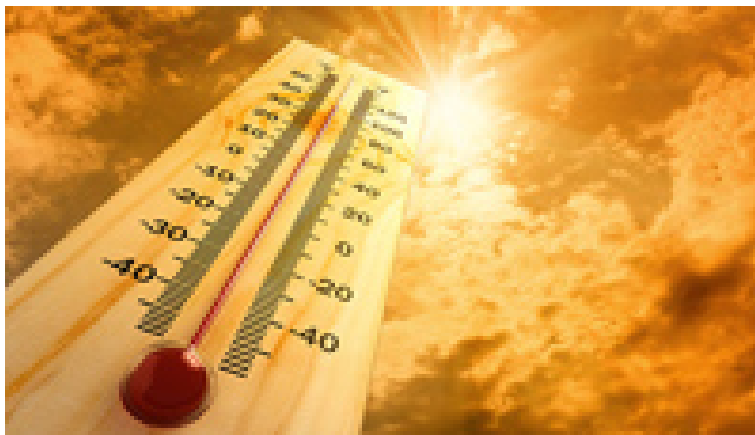


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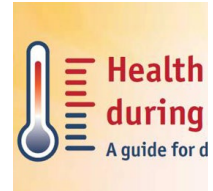
**COVID-19 Publications** are listed in the sections above and there are also **COVID-19 Additional Topics**.

## EDITOR PICKS

### Health checks during extreme heat events [guidance document].

National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health

*“This tool from the NCCEH was designed to help support people doing heat checks by providing all they key information and guidance in a 5-page package. ....” more*



### The unprecedented Pacific Northwest heatwave of June 2021[preprint]

Sarah B Henderson (right), Scientific Director of Environmental Health Services at the BCCDC, and co-authors

*“The impacts of this event were catastrophic. Estimates indicate at least 900 attributable deaths occurred across BC, WA and OR, likely the deadliest weather event in Canadian history.” More*



### Short-term exposure to wildfire smoke and pm2.5 and cognitive performance in a brain-training game: a longitudinal study of U.S. Adults

Sarah B Henderson (right), Scientific Director of Environmental Health Services at the BCCDC, and co-authors

*“Our results indicate that PM2.5 and wildfire smoke were associated with reduced attention in adults within hours and days of exposure, but further research is needed to elucidate these relationships.”*



### Benzene contamination in sunscreen: Not worth getting burned [blog].

Kelsey James, Environmental Health Knowledge Translation Scientist, NCCEH

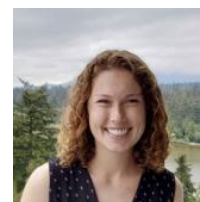
*“This blog will describe the health effects of benzene exposure, discuss the current findings of benzene contamination in sunscreen products, and present opportunities for public health messaging around sunscreen use in the context of the potential risk of benzene exposure....” more*



### Monkeypox in personal service establishments: low risk, but know the signs [blog]

Leah Rosenkrantz (right) and Angela Eykelbosh, Knowledge Translation Scientists, National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health

*“This blog provides an overview of the monkeypox outbreak in Canada and outlines key information for public health inspectors to address risk in personal service establishments and other public settings where there may be potential for transmission.”*



[Climate change, coastal communities, and food from the sea \[blog\]](#)

Juliette O’Keeffe, Environmental Health, Knowledge Translation Scientist, NCCEH

*“....Public health (PH) practitioners could play a crucial role in helping communities, in partnership with provincial and federal agencies, and local governments, to minimise the impacts of climate change on coastal food systems.”*



[Legionella \[topic page\]](#)

National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health

*“Knowledge gaps remain on how climate change could affect risks of legionellosis but rising ambient temperature in a building’s cold-water system may affect Legionella survival and growth in pipes, fixtures and stored water. Increased cooling demand, supplied by more air conditioners, or use of fountains or water misters, could increase opportunities for exposure. The resources listed here ....” more*



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[Coastal waters, fresh water, and other untreated recreational water venues \[topic page\]](#)

National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health

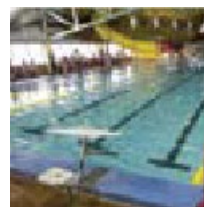
*“The resources presented provide information on identifying physical, biological, and chemical hazards in recreational waters, and tools for monitoring and managing recreational waters to reduce the risks to users.”*



[Pool, hot tubs and other treated recreation water venues \[topic page\].](#)

National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health

*“The resources presented provide information on guidelines and regulation of public pools and splash parks. We also provide some examples on how the provinces and territories are addressing risks from residential pools.”*



[Climate change and Indigenous Peoples' health in Canada \[webinar\]](#)

Donna Atkinson and Leah Quinlan – held June 8, 2022

[Daily and hourly exposure to PM2.5 and wildfire smoke and cognitive performance in a brain-training game: A longitudinal study of US adults \[webinar\].](#) Stephanie Cleland - 2022 Jul 28.



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