

# Climate and Health Strategic Framework

Climate change is one of the most urgent public health challenges of our time. It increases the risks for temperature extremes, natural disasters, and exposure to climate-sensitive diseases. The effects of climate change are putting everyone's immediate and long-term health at risk, worldwide.

To address this urgent and wide-reaching challenge, CDC/ATSDR developed a national [Climate and Health Strategic Framework](#). The framework will help communities track, prevent, and respond to the public health threats of climate change.



## Take Action With Us



**Read** the [Climate and Health Strategic Framework](#) to understand the scope of the issues and CDC/ATSDR's approach



**Share** the framework with your colleagues and partners



**Explore** the health effects of climate change that are happening in your community



**Commit** to identifying ways you or your organization can support the goals and actions outlined in the framework

## Supporting resilient, climate-adaptive communities

Addressing the health effects of climate change will require collaboration on all fronts. CDC/ATSDR is working with other federal agencies, state and local health departments, grassroots and nonprofit organizations, and local partners and communities to address the threats of a changing climate.

Cross-sector strategies are critical to reducing the effects of a changing climate on the public's health. Examples of actions organizations at all levels can take include the following:



**Integrate** and promote climate resilience into program activities and funding opportunities

Check out [CDC's Building Resilience Against Climate Effects \(BRACE\) Framework](#) for ideas



**Highlight** actions your organization already takes to promote climate resilience among partners

Identify activities in your program that contribute to the actions outlined in the strategic framework



**Raise awareness** about the link between climate and health in internal and external communications

Use your channels to share climate resilience actions and how they protect the public's health



To learn more about CDC/ATSDR's Climate and Health Work, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/climateandhealth/default.htm>.