CLIMATE AND COMMUNITY HEALTH

Working together, communities can prepare for and respond to the critical health effects of our changing climate. Here are just a few examples of the diverse partners that play a role.

**MEDIA / METEOROLOGISTS**

**HOW THEY HELP**
- Report on the health impacts in your community
- Report extreme weather alerts with recommended protective actions
- Provide information on available community assistance, such as evacuation shelters and cooling centers

**LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**HOW THEY HELP**
- Monitor health trends to identify new and emerging threats
- Identify at-risk groups and mobilize community partners
- Provide information on available community assistance
- Provide extreme weather and air pollution alerts with recommended protective actions
- Work with state health department to prepare

**HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS**

**HOW THEY HELP**
- Educate patients about increased risks and protective actions
- Develop emergency response plans for extreme weather

**COMMUNITY-BASED GROUPS**

**HOW THEY HELP**
- Provide emergency shelter and cooling centers
- Provide transportation to emergency shelters
- Distribute information on community assistance
- Provide counseling after extreme weather events

**SCHOOLS**

**HOW THEY HELP**
- Provide emergency shelter and cooling centers
- Safeguard student athletes during extreme heat
- Provide counseling after extreme weather events
- Integrate asthma education and support

Communities are developing a coordinated response to health risks by using CDC’s Building Resilience Against Climate Effects (BRACE) framework, a five-step process for climate adaptation.