

Explore Our Resources for Environmental Health Practitioners

CDC's **Environmental Health Services Branch** provides free tools and guidance, training, and research to

- **Prevent foodborne illnesses and outbreaks;**
- **Keep water safe, particularly recreational water and private wells; and**
- **Improve the performance of environmental health programs and practitioners.**

Our resources are intended for environmental health practitioners and programs serving states, tribes, localities, and territories.

Resources to Prevent Foodborne Illnesses and Outbreaks

e-Learning on Environmental Assessment of Foodborne Illness Outbreaks: Practice skills in an interactive virtual environment and learn to conduct environmental assessments during outbreak investigations.

Environmental Health Specialists Network (EHS-Net): Explore our practice-based research on environmental causes of foodborne illness outbreaks.

National Environmental Assessment Reporting System (NEARS): Participate in our system to capture environmental assessment data from foodborne illness outbreaks.



Half of all U.S. foodborne outbreaks are associated with restaurants and other food establishments.

Resources to Keep Water Safe

Drinking Water Advisory Communication Toolbox:

Access resources to help communities with all phases of water advisories including guidance, recommendations, instructions, templates, and other tools.

Emergency Water Supply Planning Guide for Hospitals and Health Care Facilities:

Develop an Emergency Water Supply Plan to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a total or partial interruption of health facilities' normal water supply.

Model Aquatic Health Code (MAHC): Reduce risk for waterborne illness outbreaks, drowning, and chemical poisoning at public pools and other aquatic venues with these free science-based guidelines.

Safe Water for Community Health (Safe WATCH):

Strengthen the performance of your drinking water program to address problems with wells and other private drinking water sources in your community.

When Every Drop Counts: Understand and prepare for drought in your community with this guide for public health professionals.



About 1 in 5 sampled private wells were found to be contaminated at levels considered unsafe.

Resources to Improve the Performance of Environmental Health Programs

Environmental Public Health Performance Standards (EnvPHPS): Use these standards to improve delivery of the 10 Essential Environmental Public Health Services in your community.

Improving Environmental Public Health Services Performance to Meet Community Needs: Explore resources to improve and align your program with broader public health department initiatives.

Protocol for Assessing Community Excellence in Environmental Health (PACE EH): Partner with your community to identify and address local environmental health issues using this guidebook.



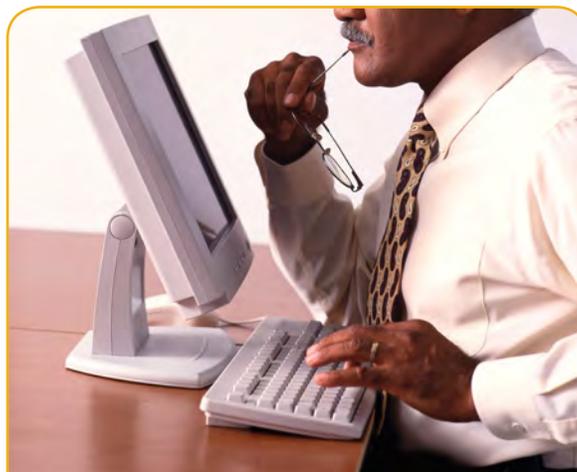
“In public health settings, performance management and quality improvement tools are being promoted and supported as an opportunity to increase the effectiveness of public health agencies, systems, and services.”

CDC’s Office of State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support

Cross-Cutting Training Resources

Environmental Health Training in Emergency Response (EHTER): Improve your knowledge, skills, and resources to address environmental health impacts of emergencies and disasters.

Environmental Public Health Online Courses (EPHOC): Access comprehensive environmental health workforce development resources with this package of 15 e-learning courses.



“The changing practice of public health requires local health department staff... to use skills in areas that were probably not part of their formal education, making on-the-job training critical.”

National Association of County and City Health Officials

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