

Explore Our Resources for Environmental Health Practitioners

CDC provides free tools and guidance, training, and research to

- **Prevent foodborne illnesses and outbreaks;**
- **Address threats to health from water, 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

Environmental Assessment Training Series (EATS):

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.



More than half of all U.S. foodborne outbreaks are associated with restaurants and other food establishments.

Resources to Protect Water

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 a plan to prepare for, respond to, and recover from a total or partial interruption of health facilities' normal water supply.

Legionnaires' Disease Resources: Find environmental investigation tools, videos, guides and more for responding to and preventing outbreaks.

Model Aquatic Health Code (MAHC): Reduce risk for waterborne illness outbreaks, drowning, and chemical poisoning at public pools and other aquatic venues.

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.

Safe Water Program Improvement e-Learning Series (SWPI): Take CDC's training for safer well water through stronger public health programs using the 10 Essential Environmental Public Health Services.

Preventing Legionnaires' Disease: A Training on Legionella Water Management Programs (PreventLD Training):

Are you involved in water safety for buildings? Take this training from CDC and partners on creating a water management program to reduce risk for Legionnaires' disease.



About 1 in 5 sampled private wells were found to be contaminated at levels that could affect health.

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.

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.

Understanding the Needs, Challenges, Opportunities, Vision, and Emerging Roles in Environmental Health (UNCOVER EH): Check out key findings and other resources from this environmental health workforce assessment from CDC and partners.



“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 Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Support

Additional 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 these 15 courses.

Vector Control for Environmental Health Professionals (VCEHP): Learn about using integrated pest management to address public health pests and vectors that spread pathogens.



“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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<https://www.cdc.gov/nceh/ehs/>

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