



# A Declaration on Climate Change and Health 2021

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organizations, we declare climate change a health emergency and call for immediate action to protect the public's health from the current and future impacts of climate change. Our organizations agree that:

- x The health impacts of climate change demand immediate action.
- x The science is clear; communities across the nation are experiencing health impacts due to changing climate conditions, including:
  - o Increased levels of ozone and particulate air pollution that contribute to asthma attacks;
  - o Extreme weather patterns, such as heat and severe storms, that cause injury, increased physical and mental illness, and reduce access to healthcare;
  - o Lung conditions;
  - o Increased risk of exposure to vector-borne diseases due to lengthening of warm seasons and expanding geographic ranges for vectors like ticks, mosquitoes and other disease-carrying insects;
  - o a variety of foodborne and waterborne illnesses; and
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- x Community-based organizations in low-  
investments to enable them to engage the most climate-vulnerable people in making local, state,  
and regional climate mitigation and adaptation plans more equitable and effective in preserving

We call on President Biden, members of the Administration, and members of Congress to heed the clear  
scientific evidence and take steps now to dramatically reduce pollution that drives climate change and harms  
health.

Signed,

1. Allergy & Asthma Network
2. Alliance of Nurses for Healthy Environments
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4. American Association of Community Psychiatrists
5. American College of Physicians
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7. American Lung Association
8. American Public Health Association
9. American Society of Environmental Health Professionals
10. Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America
11. Children's Environmental Health Network
12. Climate for Health
13. Columbia Climate & Health Program
14. Global Climate and Health Alliance
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16. Medical Society Consortium on Climate & Health
17. Medical Students for a Sustainable Future
18. National Association of County and City Health Officials
19. National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
20. National Environmental Health Association
21. National League for Nursing
22. National Medical Association
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