

A new climate resilience plan for Oregon's public health system

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ABSTRACT: Oregon's climate is changing and with these changes come increased health risks. The Oregon Climate and Health Program is working with inter-disciplinary partners to study and plan for the health effects of climate change in Oregon. This work has led to the creation of a new Climate Resilience Plan for Oregon's Public Health System. In response to the input and guidance of diverse stakeholders, the plan takes a strengths-based, all-hazards approach using the public health modernization capabilities as a framework for organizing strategies that can be implemented at both the state and local levels. The result is an innovative plan peppered with case studies and stories of public health practitioners and partners taking action in many forms familiar to public health, but often not framed as climate action. The coming years will involve in-depth monitoring and evaluation activities that have the potential to build the evidence-base for effective climate change interventions.

OBJECTIVE(S):

- Explain and promote the new statewide Climate Resilience Plan for our public health system
- List and describe recommended climate change strategies that emerged from the year-long stakeholder engagement process.
- Share and discuss examples of how Oregon's public health sector is already taking climate action

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