

EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Climate change poses real risks to health care facilities



Infrastructure impacts

Climate change may result in more extreme weather events that can damage infrastructure and physical plant operations, compromise access to supplies, food and water, and endanger the safety of patients, visitors, and staff.



Increased health risks and hospital visits

The impacts of climate change threatens the health of all Canadians. These impacts are associated with increased morbidity and mortality as a result of greater frequency and severity of extreme weather events, the exacerbation of poor air quality, and the increase in the range of vector-borne diseases.

“The evidence is overwhelming: **climate change endangers human health.**”
Dr. Margaret Chan, World Health Organization Director-General

Are you ready for the impacts of climate change?

- Identify your facility's current risks
- Learn from others while becoming better prepared
- Benchmark your progress against yourself and others
- Be a community leader
- Contribute to the national climate change resiliency conversation

The World Health Organization has called on the health sector to prepare for climate change impacts through efforts to increase resiliency.

Help your facility be more resilient by using the Climate Change Resiliency Toolkit

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Physical plant
Potable water
Energy efficiency
Electronic records
Waste and recycling
Medicines
Food

**Climate Change
Resiliency Toolkit**

“The benefits of addressing climate change include reduced pollution, improved public health, fewer disasters, cleaner, cheaper, more efficient energy, better managed forests, more livable cities, increased food security and less poverty.”

Ban Ki-Moon, UN Secretary General