

Environmental Public Health Protects Lives & Business

The practice of environmental public health reduces and prevents illness to individuals, families, and communities caused by physical, chemical, and biological agents in our environment.

Environmental public health professionals are scientifically trained and certified to identify and mitigate environmental dangers as well as promote alternatives. They are on the front lines of environmental inequities, climate change, food safety, safe drinking water, and clean air every day.



Environmental public health professionals work in your jurisdiction to ensure:

- Restaurants are disease-free
- Water is clean and safe
- Air is clean
- Schools are safe from lead
- Homes are safe from radon
- Animals don't spread diseases to humans
- Tattoo artists use safe practices
- Land development makes it safe for residents to walk
- And so much more

Environmental public health programs receive only 5% of funding from federal sources.

- Nearly all environmental health programs (95%) are funded by fees for service and local and state governments.
- Environmental health cannot capture fees to respond to health risks caused by climate change (e.g. food contamination from floods), or to address the health costs of environmental inequalities (e.g. asthma rates among communities of color), or to combat PFAS, or to address the many other national health threats.

Support your constituents by supporting environmental public health.

- Support training and credentialing requirements for the workforce.
- Fully fund CDC National Center for Environmental Health and FDA food safety programs.
- Include environmental health within the Public Health Repayment Program.