Environmental health is historically an overlooked and underrated discipline. The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the value of environmental health and environmental health professionals (EHPs). This month’s cover article, “The COVID-19 Pandemic and Environmental Health: Lessons Learned,” explores two themes regarding the skills and activities of EHPs around the world during the pandemic. These themes were the local nature of environmental health and the development of new roles and the transferability of skills. The article also provides lessons for the future. To protect public health in the future, it is imperative that public health policies recognize the value of EHPs and the “value of local.”

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