World Environmental Health Day Twitter Chat (#WEHDChat)

The National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) is honored to join the International Federation of Environmental Health in celebrating World Environmental Health Day on September 26, 2019. In the spirit of celebration, NEHA will host the World Environmental Health Day Twitter Chat on Thursday, September 26 from 2:00–3:00 p.m. EDT. The theme for the Twitter chat is “Climate and Health.” Environmental health professionals work closely with their communities to ensure the safety of the resources we use every day; from the air we breathe to the food we eat and the water we drink. These resources are being affected by climate impacts. Let's take this opportunity to initiate a conversation about how climate impacts health and what can we do to fight the ill effects of climate change and build resilience. Join us in leading this conversation on how #ClimateChangesHealth! #WEHDChat

Hashtags

- Primary – #WEHDChat
- Secondary - #ClimateChangesHealth; #ClimateHealthEmergency #EHMatters

To participate and receive live updates from the chat, RSVP to the event here and follow @NEHAorg on Twitter.

Use the official hashtag - #WEHDChat - in your tweets so users can easily look up your tweets can join in on the conversation. Please share this link, and make sure your Twitter account has RSVP'ed as well: https://bit.ly/2P4JZf3

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<th>Twitter Chat Question</th>
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<td>Q1. The theme for 2019 World Environmental Health Day 2019 Twitter Chat is “Climate and Health.” Who are you partnering with to address the health threats of climate change and advance health? #WEHDChat</td>
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<td>Q2. How is the changing climate impacting aspects of public health and environmental health? #WEHDChat</td>
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<td>Q3. #ClimateChangesHealth. How can the environmental health workforce plan for and address climate change? #WEHDChat</td>
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<td>Q4. What are some actions that you/your organization are/is undertaking to limit your carbon footprint? #WEHDChat</td>
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<td>Q5. How can we better equip the environmental health workforce to deal with this global #ClimateHealthEmergency? #WEHDChat</td>
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Q6. How can we further bridge the gap between climate change science and public health practice? #WEHDChat

Q7. A changing climate can intensify storms and flooding events. What role does environmental health play in emergency preparedness? #WEHDChat

Q8. How can we better protect vulnerable populations from adverse effects of climate change? #WEHDChat

Q9. Climate change can threaten food quality and security, what are some ways to ensure food safety in the #ClimateHealthEmergency? #WEHDChat

Q10. How are you/your organization involving student voices in addressing gaps between climate and health? #WEHDChat

Q11. How can environmental health position itself to be more involved in planning and policy development? #WEHDChat

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At 3:00 p.m. EDT we will end our chat with thanking all who participated.

**Best Practices**

Please remind your social media staff that in order to participate, they should follow @NEHAorg and they need to use #WEHDChat in all tweets so that others can follow their contributions to the conversation. Tweets should be 280 characters or less.

It is also helpful for them to use A1 to answer Q1, A2 to answer Q2, and so on. Multiple answers to our posed questions are very much welcomed!

**Example answers**

- A2. Climate change is decreasing the quality of the air we breathe, increasing our risk of heart and lung diseases, allergies, and death. #WEHDChat
- A10. We provide students the opportunity to participate in a student committee where members can voice their ideas on climate and health topics. #WEHDChat

Here again is the Twitter chat RSVP link: https://bit.ly/2P4JZf3

**World Environmental Health Day Sample Promotional Tweets**

- It’s #WorldEHDay and @NEHAorg has resources to see just how #ClimateChangesHealth https://www.neha.org/eh-topics
• World Environmental Health Day focuses on the importance of the air we breathe to the food we eat and the water we drink #WorldEHDay #ClimateChangesHealth

• From wildfires to severe flooding, #ClimateChangesHealth #WorldEHDay

Additional Resources

National Environmental Health Association:

• Air Quality
• Water Quality
• Food Safety
• Healthy Homes
• Preparedness
• Climate Change
• Vectors & Pests
• Tracking & Informatics
• And more!