

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH SCAN

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Environmental Health (EH) Research Scan: Aims and Scope

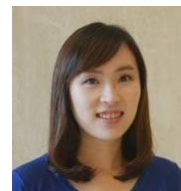
NCCEH's EH Research Scan aims to expand awareness of topics in environmental health, in line with NCCEH's vision to be the indispensable online resource for environmental health practitioners and policy-makers across Canada. "We focus on health risks associated with the physical environment and identify evidence-based interventions to mitigate those risks." This review is not official or peer reviewed. It does not cover all research, news, and information, and NCCEH is not responsible for the accuracy of the content from media or databases. How to access the items? Click on the link related to each entry and it should take you to the item. Not all links are open access; some are abstract links where paid journal subscription is required.

EDITOR PICKS

COVID-19 and use of disinfectants and sanitizers in food premises [blog]

Tina Chen, Knowledge Translation Scientist, National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health

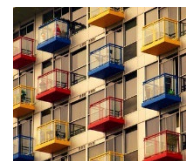
"This blog is based on the NCCEH guidance document [Disinfectants and Sanitizers for Use on Food Contact Surfaces](#) to reflect recent developments due to COVID-19."



COVID-19 Precautions for multi-unit residential buildings [guidance]

National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health

"This document was developed to synthesize the available evidence and guidance regarding COVID-19 precautions for multi-unit residential housing."



Using shared laundry facilities during the COVID-19 pandemic [guidance]

National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health [(right) Angela Eykelbosh, Knowledge Translation Scientist, NCCEH]

"This poster highlights the Dos and DON'Ts of laundry in shared facilities. Feel free to print this resource and post it in commercial and residential laundry facilities."



Crematoria emissions and air quality impacts [field inquiry]

National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health

"A municipality received an application from a funeral home to install a cremator within their facility. Objections were received from nearby residents who were concerned about potential exposure to harmful emissions. A public health unit was"



Crematoria and air quality [fact sheet]

National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health [(right) Juliette O'Keeffe, Knowledge Translation Scientist, NCCEH]

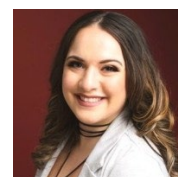
"This fact sheet outlines the key facts about potential exposure to emissions from crematoria, and controls for reducing risks."



Social connection as a public health adaptation to extreme heat events

Amani Kafeety, BCCDC (right), Sarah B. Henderson, Amy Lubik, Jesse Kancir, Tom Kosatsky, Michael Schwandt

"Interventions rooted in social connection, a concept widely applied in interventions for public health and social well-being, should be applied as a tool for adaptation to extreme heat events."



EDITOR PICKS

[Environmental public health professionals can support health equity in the time of COVID-19 \[blog\]](#)

Karen Rideout, Guest Blogger, National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health

"...Environmental public health (EPH) professionals are playing an essential role to help control the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, but roles have shifted. (more)..."



[Environmental Health Resources for the COVID-19 Pandemic \[topic page\]](#)

National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health

"This topic page has been created to promote key COVID-19 resources to environmental health practitioners and related professions."



[Masking During the COVID-19 Pandemic \[guidance\]](#)

National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health

"This document outlines the main types of masks, their effectiveness in providing protection against pathogenic hazards, and considerations for the safe use."



[COVID-19 and outdoor safety: considerations for use of outdoor recreational spaces \[guidance\]](#)

National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health

"This document was developed to address concerns related to the safe use of public spaces during the COVID-19 outbreak."



[Special issue: COVID-19 Research scan \[blog\]](#)

National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health

"The NCCEH has compiled a list of valuable scientific resources related to Covid-19. The resources are divided into categories relevant to environmental health professionals."



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