

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH SCAN

WITH COVID-19 SECTIONS

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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. This research scan is not peer reviewed; it does not cover all research, news, and information, and NCCEH is not responsible for the accuracy of the content from media or databases. Not all links are open access; some are abstract links where paid journal subscription is required.

COVID-19 Publications are listed in the sections above and there are also **COVID-19 Additional Topics**.

EDITOR PICKS

Small drinking water systems and private wells [topic page]

Juliette O’Keeffe, Knowledge Translation Scientist, NCCEH

“The resources listed here are intended to assist environmental and public health professionals and those responsible for managing Small Drinking Water Systems and Private Water Systems to:

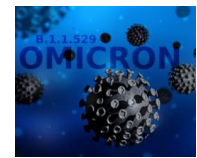
- *Understand the factors influencing the safety of drinking water in small systems including key water quality parameters;*
- *Identify the approaches to assessing and reducing health risks from drinking water in small systems;*
- *Identify the steps needed to respond to emergencies and how to mitigate adverse impacts;*
- *Understand some of the challenges facing small systems in First Nations’ communities.”*



The Omicron wave – communicating during uncertainty [blog]

Juliette O’Keeffe and Anne-Marie Nicol, Knowledge Translation Scientists, NCCEH

“The dynamic nature of the Omicron variant and a sudden shift in the trajectory of the pandemic necessitates a return to public health best practices. Even when much is still unknown, frequent communication is essential, and may require public health professionals to revisit effective communication strategies.”... more



Infection Prevention and Control infractions and Ontario Personal Service Settings – What were the common issues in 2018 and what can we do differently? [webinar]

Paphitis K, Ryding D.

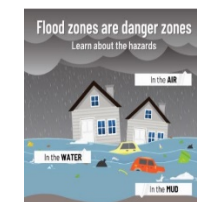
“..an overview of infection prevention and control infractions”... more



NCCEH eNews (Dec 2021): Creating healthy community places and spaces with individuals with diverse abilities... more

National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health

“..includes new blogs, topics pages”more



December research scan with COVID-19 sections [blog]

National Collaborating Centre for Environmental Health

“This monthly Research Scan highlights recent environmental health publications by topic and provides easy access to article abstracts and report summaries to support public health professionals, researchers, planners, students, and others working in public health.”...more



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