

# CLIMATE CHANGE AND PUBLIC HEALTH

## IMPROVING CAPACITY OF HEALTH DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER PROFESSIONALS TO SUPPORT A SUSTAINABLE FLORIDA

The Florida Department of Health is holding workshops around the state for county health department staff, other interested health professionals, and community planners to examine the public health related impacts of climate change. Specific input from participants will help the Department of Health prepare a climate change strategic plan.

### WHAT DOES CLIMATE CHANGE INCLUDE?

Effects of climate change can include increases in: the number and duration of heat waves; infectious diseases; exposure to air pollution; loss of water resources; and, exposure to severe weather.

### DON'T TAKE OUR WORD FOR IT...

Leading medical journals, like **The Lancet** or the **New England Journal of Medicine** have outlined that climate change currently represents a threat for human health. In fact, **The Lancet** states that climate change could be called "*the threat of the 21<sup>st</sup> century*".

### Dates & Locations:

- Tallahassee, January 8, 2010
- Fort Lauderdale, January 14, 2010
- Sarasota, February 10, 2010
- Orlando, February 26, 2010
- Pensacola, March 5, 2010
- Jacksonville, March 19, 2100

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## WORKSHOP GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

**Goal:** Educate and engage public health and community planning stakeholders concerning the effects of climate change on public health and identify promising practices, standards and partnerships to address such effects.

### **Objectives:**

- Provide an overview of climate change and identified threats to public health.
- Assess what initiatives are foreseen or underway by county health departments that are addressing climate change.
- Seek workshop participant input to help prepare a agency strategic plan development and to improve local collaboration.

### **Registration**

**To register please email: [kmorris@1000fof.org](mailto:kmorris@1000fof.org).**

Advance registration will end 3 days prior to the specific local event. A return receipt will be emailed back to indicate that you are registered and will provide exact location details.

### **Registration is required:**

Please make your plans in advance and plan to attend one of the sessions

### **Point of Contacts:**

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### **For website information:**

<http://www.1000fof.org/planning/climatechangemain.asp>

Specific Location & Registration Information available here



## AGENDA

### **9:30-10am: Check In**

Coffee with light snack provided

### **10am: Welcome and Introductions**

### **10:10-10:45am: Overview of Climate Change and Impacts to Public Health**

### **10:45-12pm: Panel Presentations & Interactions**

Background on DOH initiatives and policies; Public Health effects on climate change in Florida; Built environment factors.

### **12-1:30pm: Lunch & Networking**

Brown bag, pre-order for \$10, or bring your own.

### **1:30-2:50pm: Participant Facilitated Session**

Each participant will have the opportunity to move through four facilitated stations to give input on relevant topics regarding actions, activities, programs and opportunities wherein DOH and county health programs can better address climate change related public health issues.

### **2:50-3pm: Closing Remarks**

Forward thinking and any next steps or points of contact

### **3pm: Adjourn**



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