



## A Declaration on Climate Change and Health

We, a coalition of leading public health, disease advocacy and medical organizations, reiterate our longstanding commitment to addressing climate change as a public health issue as part of the National Dialogue on Climate Change and Health at the White House on June 23, 2015. This statement articulates our consensus on the health impacts of climate change and the need for action to protect public health.

- The health impacts of climate change demand **immediate action**.
- The **science is clear**; communities across the nation are **experiencing the health impacts** of climate change, including:
  - Elevated **ozone** and **particulate** air pollution, linked to asthma attacks, cardiovascular disease and premature death;
  - **Extreme weather patterns, such as heat and severe storms, cause droughts, wildfires and flooding** that destabilize communities, especially those least equipped to defend themselves; and
  - Increased **vector-borne diseases** by expanding seasons and geographic ranges for ticks, mosquitoes and other disease-carrying insects to roam.
- The **most vulnerable** – children, seniors, low income communities, and those with chronic disease – disproportionately bear the health impacts of climate change.
- **Bold action** is needed to address climate change by cleaning up major sources of carbon pollution including **power plants**, cars, trucks and other mobile sources.
- Communities must have the tools and resources to adapt to and **mitigate the unique impacts** of climate change in their communities.
- The **Climate Action Plan** will help cut carbon pollution and other greenhouse gases, preparing the U.S. to address climate impacts we can't avoid and to lead the world in our global climate efforts.
- We **commend President Obama** and his entire team for bringing greater awareness to the public health impacts of climate change.
- The public health, disease advocacy and medical community are **united in our efforts to protect the public from the risks of climate change**.

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