

Acclimating to Climate Change in Colorado

A Call to Action

Colorado's warming climate is hazardous to our health. Extreme heat takes a toll on the human body and increases environmental perils, such as fires, air pollution, and floods. Often, people with the least resources are at the highest risk.

In the Mountain West, though, our communities are built to brace against the cold and snow of winter, not the heat of summer. We need more preparation to protect people's bodies and minds from the damaging impacts of rising temperatures.

Acclimate Colorado, an initiative of the Colorado Health Institute, is working to bolster the resilience of Colorado communities to a warming climate.

Here's what we're doing:



Assessing

Our research work includes the Health and Climate Index, which examines strengths and risks in each of Colorado's 64 counties.



Aligning

The Acclimate Action Team convenes leaders from many disciplines and backgrounds to plot Colorado's course for addressing the health effects of climate change.



Advancing

Our Climate and Health Policy Agenda will lay out concrete steps that local and state governments, businesses, health care providers, and community organizations should take to protect their people.

Acclimate Colorado needs you. We are building a network of people who can contribute their voices, ideas, expertise, organizing, and funding to the cause of protecting human health from climate change. Go to colo.health/climatelist to sign up, or contact Karam Ahmad at ahmadk@coloradohealthinstitute.org to learn more.



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