

IS YOUR COMMUNITY READY FOR SUMMER HEAT AND SMOKE?

COMMUNITY READINESS:		SUPPORTS FOR THIS READINESS STEP:	
Planning	Does your community have a preparedness and response plan for: <input type="checkbox"/> Extreme Heat? <input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire smoke?	✓	IH can participate in the development of heat and wildfire smoke preparedness and response plans for your community
		✓	IH already supports local schools and childcare facilities to prepare for wildfire smoke
Community messaging	Are there community messages prepared ahead of time to warn and advise community members about: <input type="checkbox"/> Extreme heat? <input type="checkbox"/> Wildfire smoke?	✓	You can use and amplify heat and smoke messages that IH and the BCCDC have created
		✓	IH also shares public health messages with communities and broadcasts these publicly
Maintaining awareness	Are you signed up to receive notifications for: <input type="checkbox"/> Heat warnings? <input type="checkbox"/> Poor air quality?	✓	IH sends out information bulletins for heat warnings
		✓	You can subscribe to air quality warning notifications here and subscribe to receive heat alerts through the WeatherCAN App
		✓	IH participates in briefing calls with local governments to provide public health advice
Keeping community members safe	Is your community planning to offer or support: <input type="checkbox"/> Public cooling spaces and amenities during the daytime and/or nighttime? <input type="checkbox"/> Designated cooling centres as part of your extreme heat plan? <input type="checkbox"/> Cleaner air spaces which provide shelter from wildfire smoke? * Existing and temporary amenities may be in place already such as: spray parks and spray stations that can be very helpful for cooling. <input type="checkbox"/> Does your community offer heat check ins for people who are more vulnerable to heat, who may not be checked on already?	IH can assist your community with:	
		✓	Identifying and applying for project funding related to community readiness
		✓	Making connections to DIY air cleaner workshops
		IH directly supports many clients and patients in the community by:	
		✓	Offering heat check ins to IH clients and community members who are more vulnerable to heat
		✓	Referring eligible home health clients for free air conditioners through BC Hydro and Fortis
Funding opportunities	<input type="checkbox"/> Are you aware of and/or utilizing funding sources to support community readiness?	✓	Funding opportunities include the Local Government Climate Action Program (LGCAP) , Community Climate Funding through the BC Government, the Green Municipal Fund through FCM, and via Policy 5.14 of the Ministry of Environment Management and Climate Readiness
		✓	IH can also assist with identifying and applying for funding

The IH Healthy Communities Program and Office of the Medical Health Officers are available to support community planning related to heat and wildfire smoke. Your assigned [Healthy Communities team member](#) can be contacted at healthycommunities@interiorhealth.ca.

For further questions on health outcomes from weather, please email ihextremeweatherresponse@interiorhealth.ca.