

THE VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (VDH) IS WORKING TO ADDRESS

The health impacts of climate change as a result of:



- Governor Northam’s Executive Order 24 instructing state agencies to help increase statewide resilience to natural hazards and extreme weather
- Governor Northam’s Executive Order 29 establishing the Virginia Council on Environmental Justice
- Governor Northam’s Executive Order 22 establishing the Governor’s Conservation Cabinet
- Many Virginians indicating to State Health Commissioner Dr. Norman Oliver during his 2018 Listening Tour that climate change is a topic the health department should focus on.

IN RESPONSE, VDH ESTABLISHED

The Climate Change Committee, or C-3, which has been tasked with:



- Identifying health-related impacts of climate change in Virginia
- Identifying vulnerable populations
- Reviewing and analyzing relevant data, programs, and research in collaboration with internal and external partners
- Review the health impacts related to sea level rise, air temperature and quality, water temperature and quality, and extreme weather events
- Developing a draft *Public Health Impacts of Climate Change Response Plan* for review in early 2020