CLIMATE CHANGE AND CHILDREN'S HEALTH:

HEAT ILLNESS & SUN EXPOSURE

TAKE ACTION TO PRE

Summers are getting even hotter due to climate change, placing children and student-athletes at increased risk of heat stroke, dehydration, sunburn, and other heat illnesses.

- Drink lots of water and take breaks in the shade.
- Talk with your child's coach about how to stay safe on high heat days.
- Do less outdoor activity during the hottest part of the day (10 am to 4 pm).
- Put on broad-spectrum sunscreen, SPF 30 or higher for children over six months of age, or wear lightweight clothing to protect your skin from the sun.

ASTHMA & ALLERGIES

Climate change makes air temperatures warmer, makes the air we breathe less healthy, and can make your child's asthma and allergies worse.

- Use the QR code to download an app that will send air quality alerts.
- Take your asthma and allergy medicines as prescribed, and make a plan with your medical provider to stay well.
- Always keep a rescue inhaler nearby for kids with asthma, including at school.
- Heat and pollen may drive us to stay indoors more. Keep dust, smoke, and other asthma and allergy triggers down indoors





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EXTREME WEATHER

Climate change makes storms, floods, heat waves, and droughts worse and more frequent, increasing the risk of injury from dangerous weather.

- Use the QR code to sign-up for emergency alerts, make a plan, build an emergency kit, and learn how and when to seek shelter.
- Talk with your medical provider about preparing for any special medical needs your child might have in a disaster or emergency.
- See your medical provider if your child is injured or worried after a weather disaster.
- Use the QR code to complete an activity book with your child to help cope after a disaster.





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NUTRITION

Climate change decreases the amount of food that is grown, makes food more expensive, and makes the food we eat less nutritious.

- Gradually increase more whole grains, beans, nuts, fruits, and vegetables into your diet.
- Eat less red meat and drink less dairy. Children over age two need no more than 16-24 oz of milk per day.
- Grow what food you can in containers and small plots of ground and compost vegetable scraps.
- Use the QR code to connect to support like WIC, SNAP, Dare to Care, and other resources in your area.
- Use the QR code to find fresh produce grown locally and sold on a sliding scale from June to November.





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FREE PLAY OUTDOORS

Play builds muscles, improves brain growth, and helps kids to deal with stress and worry.

- Start small-spend time in your yard or walking in your neighborhood.
- Let your child explore and play on their own, to build confidence and get to know the outdoors.
- Use the QR code to find a local park for your child to explore.

WHAT ELSE?

Climate change can be overwhelming, but you can help make a difference!

- Walk, bike, or use public transportation as much as you can.
- Use less, waste less, reuse and recycle more.
- Use energy efficient settings and turn off appliances when not in use.
- Join community groups in the fight against climate change.
- Vote for leaders who make climate change a priority; Use the QR code to register to vote.



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