



Kentucky Child Health & Climate Advocates
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Dear Kentucky AAP Chapter Members,

1. In light of the devastating floods in San Antonio, TX, it's a good time to remind pediatricians that you can help your patients prepare for natural disasters. The American Academy of Pediatrics offers [disaster preparedness resources](#) for families, including how to sign up for emergency alerts, build a preparedness kit, and complete an emergency information form to provide first responders with critical information about your child's health.

2. Summer is hot, and with increased heat, there is increased ozone and worse air quality that may worsen lung diseases for sensitive groups. Help your patients sign up for [air quality alerts](#) and avoid extended time outdoors during poor air quality days. I highly recommend you watch [Something in the Air](#), which is a documentary from PBS that explains the negative health impacts of air pollution, including increased respiratory diseases, epigenetic changes to our DNA, and increased dementia.

3. Bernheim Forest is hosting [Free Play Saturdays](#) to encourage children and parents to experience the [benefits of outdoor play](#). The next free play date is July 19th, 11 am -4 pm. This is a free program for your patients, and no registration is required.

4. May Climate Task Force meeting:

- Julia Finch from Sierra Club Kentucky Chapter gave a legislative update.
- Eboni Cochrane from Rubbertown Emergency Action discussed her organization's recent work and recommendations for physicians.
- Click [here](#) to review the meeting minutes.

5. The next Climate Advocates Task Force meeting will be October 20th, 2025 at 3 pm. Please email juliaricherson@gmail.com to be added to the task force quarterly meeting invite.

Sincerely,

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