



HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
FOR CLEAN AIR AND CLIMATE ACTION



CLIMATE AND LUNG HEALTH NEWS

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Welcome to the first issue of our *Health Professionals for Clean Air and Climate Action* newsletter. This monthly newsletter for health professionals will provide news and advocacy opportunities to improve lung health and support strong clean air and climate policies. We look forward to working with you this year.

Many of you have previously received our *California Health Professionals for Clean Air* emails. This newsletter is the new home for those updates and will focus not just on California, but on opportunities nationwide.



**YEAR OF
AIR POLLUTION
& HEALTH 2019**

American Lung Association Launches “Year of Air Pollution & Health” Campaign

The American Lung Association is launching the ["Year of Air Pollution & Health"](#) in 2019 to increase public education and engagement around air pollution, climate change and health. Each month of the year will focus on a different

RESOURCES

- [Wildfire Smoke Tips Animation Video](#)
- [New Video Resources for Lung Cancer Patients](#)
- [Asthma Basics](#)
- [Pulmonary Fibrosis](#)
- [Learning Opportunities](#)
- [Patient Support](#)
- [Lung HelpLine and Tobacco QuitLine](#)

QUESTIONS?

**Contact us with questions
or if you would like to
receive this newsletter.**

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aspect of air pollution from sources of air pollution, to vulnerable populations, to what you can do to help protect clean air. Health and medical partners are a critical part of this campaign.

If you represent a health or medical organization, please join us. We will provide monthly messaging points, social media posts, materials and event and outreach opportunities with official partner organizations throughout the year. To learn more, visit lung.org/healthyairforall. If your organization is interested in participating, visit our [Partnership Sign Up Google Form](#).

Additionally, on January 23 at 2 PM ET we will host a Tweet Storm to kick-off the “Year of Air Pollution & Health” and encourage individuals to share their stories about why healthy air matters. Please join by following the hashtag #HealthyAirForAll.

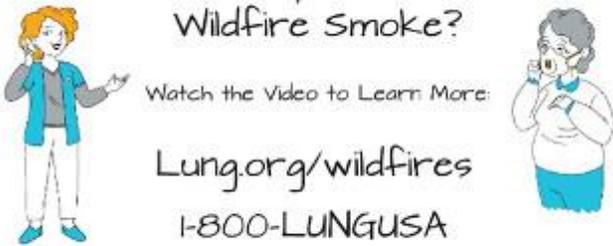
New! Year of Air Pollution and Health Webinar!

To help launch this campaign, we will host a webinar on January 31 at 3 PM ET specifically for health and medical professionals like you, featuring authors of three recent scientific reports on climate change, air pollution, and health. [Please register here](#).

What Can you Do About
Wildfire Smoke?

Watch the Video to Learn More:

Lung.org/wildfires
1-800-LUNGUSA



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DID YOU KNOW?

In 2017, 34 million, or 14 % of adults, were current smokers.



Cigarette smoking remains the leading cause of preventable disease and death in the United States.

On January 30, the American Lung Association will release its annual *State of Tobacco Control 2019* report which tracks progress on four key tobacco control policies at the federal and state level that can most effectively reduce tobacco use and secondhand smoke exposure: tobacco control and prevention spending, smokefree air, tobacco taxes, and cessation coverage.

To learn more, visit www.stateoftobaccocontrol.org to learn more.

Animation Video on Protecting Lung Health During Wildfires

The American Lung Association has just released a Spanish version of its short animation video with tips for protecting lung health during wildfires. To view the Spanish version on YouTube, [click here](#). You can also view the [English language version on YouTube](#).



TAKE ACTION

Help Us Protect Critical Clean Air and Climate Rules!

Calling the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposal to weaken the lifesaving Mercury and Air Toxics Standards "one of the most dangerous efforts yet," the American Lung Association is recruiting health professionals doctors, nurses, respiratory therapists, MPHs, and other health professionals to [sign our new letter](#) urging EPA to keep the standards in place. We will submit the letter as a comment in opposition to EPA's proposal. Please help us recruit! Please respond by January 31.

More than 4,300 health professionals across the country have signed on to our [Health Professionals Declaration on Climate Change](#) to support strong climate action. If you have not added your name, [you can do so here](#).



IN THE NEWS

EPA Discounts Health Benefits of Clean Air Rules

As noted above, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposed a major change in the way the federal government calculates the costs and benefits of dangerous air pollutants, arguing that authorities should exclude some of the public health benefits stemming from new rules. "There is no legitimate justification for this action," Harold P. Wimmer, chief executive of the American Lung Association, said in a statement. "EPA's proposal to undermine the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards is one of its most dangerous efforts yet."

[See story in Washington Post.](#)



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