



MEMBER UPDATES NEWSLETTER

APRIL 30, 2024

NMHPCA's **vision** is a healthy, equitable, sustainable future for all New Mexicans

NMHPCA's **mission** is to mobilize New Mexico healthcare and public health professionals to advocate for climate solutions that protect health and promote equity.

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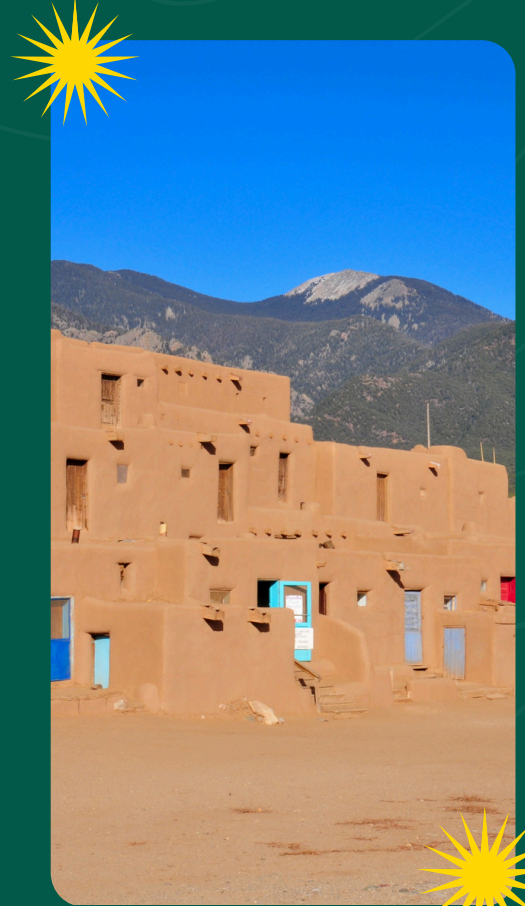
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HEALTHY CLIMATE CORNER



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Climate change poses significant challenges to **tribal communities in New Mexico**, impacting their health, livelihoods, and cultural practices deeply rooted in their connection to the land and natural resources. The increasing temperatures, more intense and frequent wildfires, and changes in precipitation patterns are not just environmental issues but are closely linked to the health and well-being of these communities. For instance, the 2022 New Mexico wildfire season, which saw approximately one million acres burned, had profound effects on the respiratory and cardiovascular health of families and water quality and led to the displacement of thousands from their homes in fragile communities. [Indigenous and Traditional Healing publications](#) state that these events underscore the vulnerability of tribal communities to climate-induced health risks, including respiratory problems from wildfire smoke, vector-borne diseases due to shifting ecosystems, and water-related illnesses from compromised water quality.



Moreover, the cultural and spiritual practices of tribal communities, which are intricately tied to specific places and species, face disruption from climate change. In a [2016 article](#) on Climate Health and the Health of Indigenous Populations put forth by the EPA, environmental changes threaten traditional food sources, medicinal plants, and the viability of cultural ceremonies, impacting not just the physical but also the mental health of Indigenous communities.



Efforts to adapt and mitigate these impacts are underway, However, the challenges are complex, requiring concerted efforts encompassing traditional knowledge, scientific research, and policy support to safeguard the health and cultural heritage of tribal communities in New Mexico against the advancing threats of climate change.

EVENTS



The staff and Board observed Earth Day 2024 by attending the **inaugural Earth Day Festival** in Albuquerque on April 21st.

We met with dozens of New Mexicans who are also working toward equitable climate health. We offered passersby extreme heat education, ways to stay healthy during wildfire season, and our **unique perspective** on climate health as health professionals.

Thank

You, Christian Qjeda & Evelyn Byrd, our student volunteers!

Advocacy & Policy Workgroup

CO-LEADS: DRS. PAUL CHARLTON & KRISTIN GRAZIANO

Are you Interested In learning more about the role policy and advocacy plays in shaping climate health?

Are you looking to connect with other professionals?

JOIN US every 4th Tuesday of the month

Next Meeting: May 28th from 4 - 5 pm MST

[ZOOM LINK](#)

MONTHLY

UPCOMING EVENTS



NEW MEXICO REGIONAL CLIMATE RESILIENCE WORKSHOPS

The New Mexico Energy, Minerals, and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD)'s Climate Policy Bureau (CPB) is hosting community events across the state to debut and collect feedback on New Mexico's first-ever State Climate Adaptation and Resilience Plan (CARP). CPB will host in-person events in six communities, and there will also be input opportunities focused on Tribes and Pueblos.

TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES

May 20th At 6pm
Ralph Edwards Civic Center:
400 W 4th St, Truth Or Consequences, NM
87901

ROSWELL

May 21st At 6pm
Roswell Convention & Civic Center:
912 N Main St, Roswell, NM 88201

ALBUQUERQUE

May 22nd At 6pm
South Campus Rotunda: 801 University Blvd
SE Albuquerque, NM 87106

FARMINGTON

June 3rd At 6pm
Riverside Nature Center:
N Browning Pkwy, Farmington, NM 87402

TAOS

June 4th At 6pm
Bataan Hall:
121 Civic Plaza Dr, Taos, NM 87571

ALBUQUERQUE (TRIBAL FOCUS)

June 6th
TBD

VIRTUAL WORKSHOP

TBD
TBD

[REGISTER FOR A WORKSHOP HERE](#)

Interested in joining other Healthy Climate NM members at one of these events?

[Sign up HERE](#)

so we can effectively organize!

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Virtual Extreme Heat Summit
July 11, 2024

Hosted by Healthy Climate New Mexico
Health Professionals for Climate Action

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PRESENTATIONS

Please invite NMHPCA to lead a presentation or workshop for your group.

Email nmhPCA@gmail.com and we will tailor an educational session to meet your organization's needs.

SPEAKERS BUREAU

Please consider contributing your time and expertise to climate action by becoming a part of our Speakers Bureau. Email nmhPCA@gmail.com to learn more.