

CASE STUDY: PUBLIC HEALTH

Minnesota Climate and Health

Lead Agency: Minnesota Department of Health

Partners: Extreme Heat Training Module Technical Team & the Extreme Heat Toolkit Steering Committee

Funding: US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Website: [Minnesota Climate and Health Program](#)

Project Overview:

The Minnesota Department of Health has a robust [website](#) presenting on the intersections of health and climate change. The main topic areas are: climate change overview, water changes, vector-borne diseases, wellbeing, extreme heat events, air quality, agriculture & food security, and planning tools & data. There is an [Minnesota Extreme Heat Toolkit](#). They also have multimedia outreach tools like a YouTube [climate and health playlist](#), a website and [webinar](#) for “Planning for Climate & Health Impacts: Emergency Management Considerations”, and a Climate and Health e-newsletter. There are also [educational materials for Middle School Teachers](#) that aligns with Minnesota Academic Standards including a vocabulary list, study guide, computer lab lesson plan, and trivia game.

The Department also created a [Climate Data Community of Practice](#) to “build capacity for using climate data to increase climate resiliency for Minnesotans. They invite members from other departments like transportation, and pollution control. The community of practice will:

- Share insights for obtaining, selecting, preparing, and applying available climate datasets specific to Minnesota
- Support public sector adaptation efforts aimed at increasing climate resiliency for Minnesotans
- Foster a community of climate data users to share knowledge and resources

How Project Contributes to Rural Resiliency:

This project robust projects combines educational materials and climate resiliency actions through various media presentations and ongoing learning opportunities. It also works across several responsibility areas in the state, amplifying the resiliency work.

Suggestions for towns and/or COGs to assist in this type of project:

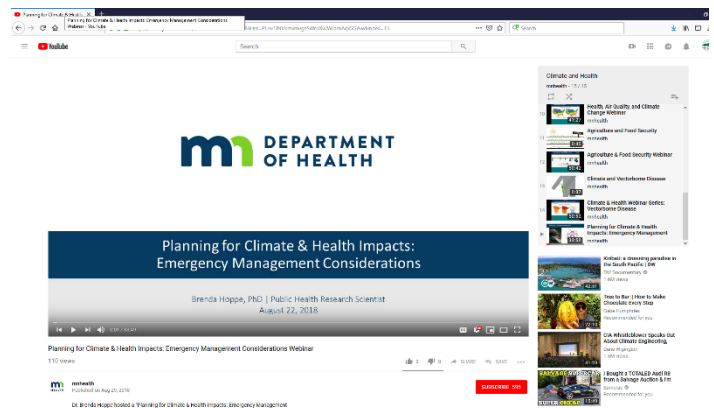
Regional entities and the state should consider this type of educational outreach and cross-sector actions. Similar information could be re-used (where appropriate) or re-created with the right participation.

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