

## **Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) Climate and Respiratory Health Workgroup**

### **Purpose:**

1. To foster awareness of the climate impacts on respiratory disease, including environmental exposure to aeroallergens, wildfire smoke, and urban air pollution, among public health practitioners and partners.
2. To develop best practices for applying epidemiologic methods to the understanding of climate impacts on respiratory disease.
3. To support efforts nationally to improve data systems, communications, and evaluations of interventions related to respiratory health and environmental exposures.

### **Activities:**

1. Foster awareness
2. Develop best practices
3. Support work

### **Participants:**

- This group is open to participation by anyone, but CSTE membership is encouraged.
- The core group served by CSTE is state, local, and territorial epidemiologists. Public health practitioners and partners are welcome.
- This workgroup is supported by a cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Climate and Health program.

### **Structure:**

- This workgroup is facilitated by a CSTE Program Analyst and chaired (or co-chaired) by CSTE members. Subteams are led by CSTE members.
- There are hourly webinar meetings every other month scheduled with all members and additional subgroup meetings.
- In-person workgroup meetings are held annually and include participation and presentations by workgroup members and partners.

