

Needs Assessment for Developing a National Network of Local Environmental Health Professionals

Attachment E - EHCA Web Instrument



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Thank you for agreeing to participate in this assessment on collaboration of Environmental Health Professionals. The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and the CDC are exploring opportunities to develop a national network for Environmental Health Professionals. To do so, we would first like to get a better understanding of how Environmental Health Professionals may be connecting currently. We then would like to identify how a national network would complement these efforts and how to organize it in such a way that will best benefit and represent you.

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If you have any technical issues or questions regarding the questionnaire, please contact Lindsay Beattie at lbeattie@naccho.org, or call (202) 595-1122 between 8:30am – 5:00pm EST Monday through Friday.

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Within what state do you work?

What type of jurisdiction does your organization serve?

- City
- County
- City/County
- Regional
- State
- Other (please specify)

What type of environmental health organization do you work for?

- Environmental health department within the local health department
- Separate environmental health department
- Other (please specify)

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What is your job title?

- Emergency Response Coordinator
- Engineer
- Environmental Health Coordinator
- Environmental Health Director
- Environmental Health Manager
- Environmental Health Planner
- Environmental Health Specialist
- Environmental Health Supervisor
- Health Officer
- Specialist Supervisor
- Other (please specify)

What is your job function? (Select all that apply)

- Supervise all environmental health services
- Supervise a certain division within environmental health
- Ensure your organization is in compliance with federal and internal health and safety rules
- Assess potential environmental health and safety impacts and assess the extent of damage and impact of environmental health accidents and emergencies
- Conduct environmental health inspections and related activities for settings not limited to food establishments, hotels, swimming pools, hospitals, etc.
- Other (please specify)

What is the size of the population you serve?

- Less than 50,000 (small)
- 50,000-499,999 (medium)
- 500,000+ (large)
- I don't know



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Are you currently connecting with other Environmental Health Professionals?

- Yes
- No



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Would you like to connect with other Environmental Health Professionals?

- Yes
- No



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In what ways are you connecting with other Environmental Health Professionals? (Select all that apply)

- In-person meetings
- Teleconference
- Through email
- Individual phone calls
- Webinars
- Site visits
- Social media
- State Environmental Health Directors Association
- State Association of County and City Health Officials (SACCHO)
- NEHA Affiliates
- Established groups and forums (please specify group or forum)

- Other (please specify)

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You indicated currently connecting via social media. What forms of social media do you use to connect with other Environmental Health Professionals?

- Twitter
- Facebook
- LinkedIn
- Google Groups
- Other (please specify)

How often are you connecting with other Environmental Health Professionals?

- Weekly
- Every other week
- Monthly
- Every other month
- Quarterly
- Twice per year
- Annually
- Other (please specify)

Please select the response(s) that best completes this sentence. When I connect with Environmental Health Professionals, I connect most with Environmental Health Professionals... (Select all that apply)

- In my own state
- In my region
- Across the nation
- In jurisdictions that serve populations that are similar in size to mine
- Around a specific topic (please specify)

- Other (please specify)

Why are you connecting with other Environmental Health Professionals? (Select all that apply)

- Share tools/resources
- Share best practices
- Discuss challenges/barriers
- Mentorship
- Discuss emerging issues
- Cross-jurisdictional sharing of personnel/equipment
- Programmatic collaboration (co-funding programs or personnel)
- Other (please specify)

What types of information do you share? (Select all that apply)

- Tools/resources
- Technical assistance
- Research
- Data
- Programmatic methods/strategies
- Best practices
- Sample language/templates
- Partnership building strategies
- Situational awareness
- Other (please specify)



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What barriers have you encountered when trying to connect with other Environmental Health Professionals?

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What would help you to connect with other Environmental Health Professionals?

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Please select the activities that best complete the following statement. I could see myself participating in a national network of local Environmental Health Professionals in the following ways: (Select all that apply)

- In-person conferences, meetings, and trainings
- Virtual meetings and trainings
- Workgroups
- Joint projects/collaboration
- Opportunities to educate and provide information to decision makers
- Mentorship opportunities
- Newsletter as a mechanism for information sharing
- Listserv/distribution list as a mechanism for information sharing
- Resource inventories as a mechanism for information sharing
- Online collaboration space as a mechanism for information sharing
- I would not participate in a network like this
- Other (please specify)

Considering your responses to the previous question, please rank the activities in the order you believe are the top priorities for a national network of local Environmental Health Professionals, from 1 (top priority) to 11 (lowest priority).

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- Other (please specify)

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How often would you like to connect with other Environmental Health Professionals?

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- Every other month
- Quarterly
- Twice per year
- Annually
- Other (please specify)

Which Environmental Health Professionals would be most valuable for you to connect with? (Select all that apply)

- Those in your state
- Those in your HHS region
- Environmental Health Officials across the nation
- Those with jurisdictions of similar size
- Those with similar geographic jurisdictions
- Those with similar demographic jurisdictions
- Those interested in specific topical issues
- Leaders at a similar stage in their career
- Leaders late in their career connecting with leaders early in their career
- Leaders with similar governance of local environmental health (e.g., Environmental Health within health department vs. separate agency)
- Other (please specify)

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Which of the following areas do you perceive a national network of local Environmental Health Professionals would support in your jurisdiction? (Select all that apply)

- Workforce development
- Data
- Surveillance
- Communications
- Environmental health subject matter expertise
- Implementation of evidence-based interventions
- Other (please specify)

Looking ahead, having access to a national network of local Environmental Health Professionals would be beneficial in working on which environmental health programs? (Select all that apply)

- Asthma Control Program
- Biomonitoring
- Built Environment and Health Initiative
- Climate Change
- Environmental Health Lab Services
- Emergency Response Events
- Environmental Health Tracking
- Food Safety/Inspections
- Healthy Homes (Childhood Lead Poisoning)
- Safe Water
- Other (please specify)

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this assessment. Your responses have been recorded.

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