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Health Unit releases report on climate change impacts on health

Northwestern Health Unit (NWHU) has released a report on the links between climate change and human health in northern Ontario.

The report, titled *Changing Climate and Health in Northern Ontario: An overview of the health impacts of climate change in northern Ontario*, provides information on the health impacts of climate change relevant to the region. It will help northern public health units and others to plan adaptation strategies to deal with climate change.

The report explores what we know about climate change in northern Ontario, special factors that may affect the health impacts of climate change in the north, and offers suggestions about adaptation strategies to deal with those impacts. It includes chapters on issues such as extreme temperatures, extreme weather events, food and water contamination, and vector-borne diseases.

Changing Climate and Health in Northern Ontario was produced as part of a project funded by Health Canada's HealthADAPT Program that included all of the northern public health units in Ontario. They will use the report to inform internal climate change policies and share it with partners to support a coordinated approach to addressing the health impacts of climate change across the region.

You can find the report on NWHU's website [here](#).

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