

Throughout our outreach to Environmental Health leaders around the country, we've heard that there is a strong desire for a streamlined method to connect, collaborate, and share with peers in their region and similarly organized jurisdictions. This is especially true, given the reality of increasing environmental health related issues, decreasing funding, and a changing public health workforce. Previously, there has been no formal way to make such a connection.

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) is addressing this by piloting a Local Environmental Health Directors & Managers Collaborative. Hosted on NACCHO's Virtual Communities platform, the Collaborative is designed to foster a dynamic community and serve as a simple forum for sharing and discussing best practices, available resources, and innovative ideas.

Join the Community!

Leaders of the environmental health units at local health departments are invited to create a profile on the Virtual Community platform to gain access to the Collaborative. You'll find discussion threads among peers, member roster, resource and tool repository (e.g. management and leadership, performance management, environmental health assessments, programmatic areas), and a calendar of events. You may access the platform at any time using this link: http://virtualcommunities.naccho.org/home

Individuals that already have accounts with naccho.org will not need to register to access the platform. After logging in:

- Click the "Communities" tab at the top of the page
- 2 On the drop down, click "My Communities"
- 6 Look for the community "Local Environmental Health Directors/Managers"
- Click on the "How-to-Guide" at the top of the site to get oriented with the platform

Membership Benefits

This collaborative on NACCHO Virtual Communities offers access to:

- Best Practices
- Tools/Resources
- Programmatic Methods
- Trainings
- Research/Data
- Partnership Building
- Technical Assistance
- Examples and Templates
- Situational Awareness

For more information about the Collaborative and how you can get involved, contact: environmentalhealth@naccho.org

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