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The Collaborative for Women's Environmental Health at Columbia to host a regional NYC workshop on June 11th, 2024 focused on maternal-newborn health preparedness for climate disasters

Disaster preparedness is critical to having an effective response when an emergency occurs. In recognition of the growing threat climate change poses to our health and health care systems, The Collaborative for Women's Environmental Health at Columbia University Irving Medical Center will host a 1-day workshop focused on climate disaster preparedness in New York City and surrounding boroughs targeting those providing care to pregnant individuals and newborns.

The day will include introductory didactics focused on 1) how climate change impacts perinatal health and 2) how maternal child health (MCH) should be incorporated into principles of emergency planning. The majority of the day will be spent in hands-on participatory tabletop exercises using realistic scenarios already affecting NYC (flooding, extreme heat, severe winter weather). Participants will have the opportunity to:

- assess their own department's and/or institution's readiness for such emergencies,
- gain specific knowledge around climate disaster preparedness,
- understand how a focus on MCH and equity is critical during climate disasters,
- obtain specific resources to share with their institutions for improving preparedness, and
- network with others providing maternal-child health in NYC so responses can be coordinated in future emergencies across institutions and health systems with improved ease.

The target audience includes leaders of obstetrics and newborn services in the NYC area, public health agencies, city emergency management community-based organizations focused on maternal-child health and/or environmental justice and climate change.

Registration is free and on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please reach out with any questions about the workshop at obgyn_cweh@cumc.columbia.edu. We look forward to seeing you there