

# COVID-19 AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL CRISIS

Climate change is a serious global issue. So is COVID-19. Here are some facts.

## CLIMATE CHANGE AND HEALTH POLICY

Climate change and health policy are currently separate issues. This can be dangerous as our health relies on our climate and the organisms we share it with.

### DOUBLING DOWN

COVID-19 and climate change are known to impact certain demographic groups more than other. These groups almost all overlap

## misuse OF ANTIBIOTICS

In farms, industrial agriculture, and aquaculture, the misuse and overuse of antibiotics is causing an increase of resistant (or mutated) bacteria. This means antibiotics are less effective when it comes to fighting infection and the likelihood of super viruses increases (Van Boeckel et al., 2017).



## SOLUTIONS

- decreasing industrial agriculture
- producer responsibility
- buying and consuming less
- energy solutions
- climate action policy
- mitigation that focuses on at risk groups



## IT'S TIME TO TAKE ACTION

Take action by educating yourself and urging your community to get involved in addressing environmental concerns in your area and globally. Reading this infographic was an awesome start!

## INFORMATION AND SOURCES

<https://www.hsph.harvard.edu/c-change/subtopics/coronavirus-and-climate-change/>  
<https://www.news-medical.net/health/Climate-Change-and-COVID-19.aspx#:~:text=Climate%20change%20is%20expected%20to,groups%20more%20so%20than%20others.>  
<https://www.prb.org/climatechangeimpactsandemergingpopulationtrendsarecipefordisaster/>  
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