

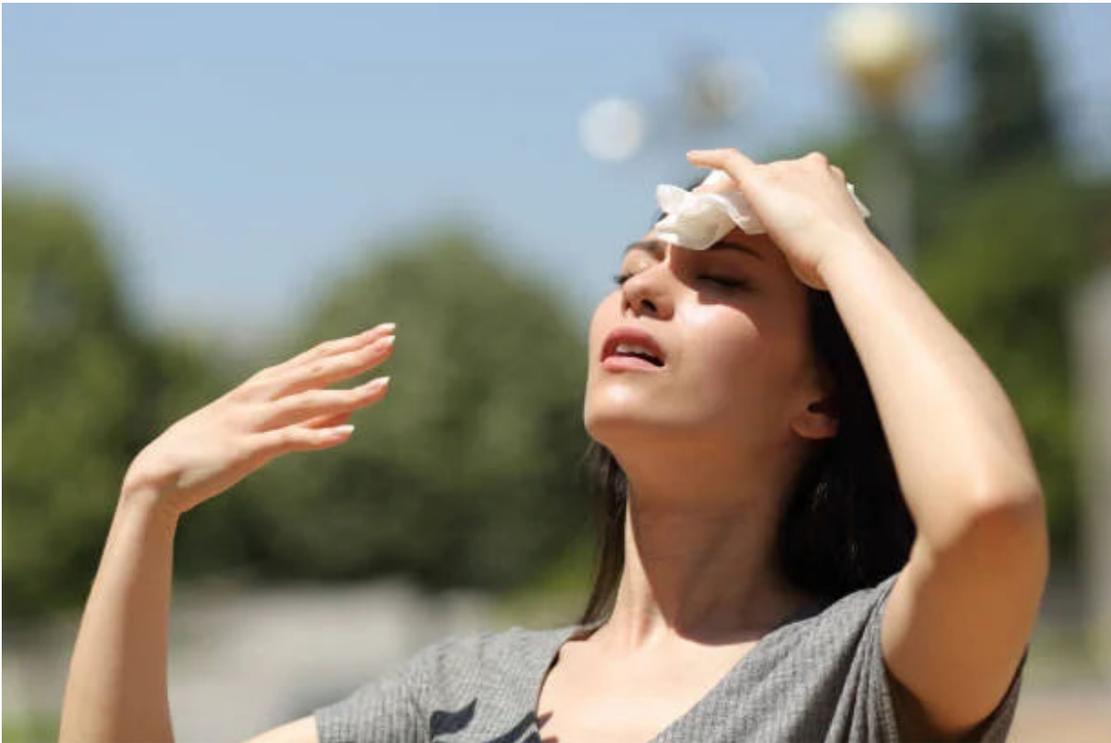


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Resilience Report

Brief insights and the latest innovations in emergency management and health security.

Implications from the Hottest Month on Record



July 2023 has unofficially been marked as the [hottest month ever recorded](#) (pending World Meteorological Organization official confirmation), and heatwaves rippled throughout six continents. In the U.S., the southern portion of the country experienced sweltering heat for most of the month, a wave that later expanded to the Plains, Midwest, and the Mid-Atlantic/Northeast by the end of July. As heatwaves continue to strengthen in frequency and duration, pressure is mounting for FEMA to add extreme heat to its list of major disaster qualifying events and three U.S. representatives have introduced the [Extreme Heat Emergency Act](#).

- **What you should know:** Response to extreme heat is taxing local resources in many communities trying to implement mobile cooling units, water stations, cooling centers, etc. While FEMA can reimburse state and local governments for response to a heatwave by issuing a federal disaster declaration, it has [not done so historically](#). More robust focus on mitigating and responding to extreme heat

incidents is also just beginning. For example, FEMA launched its [#SummerReady](#) campaign earlier this year and [Heat.gov](#) was just launched last summer. Many state and local emergency management departments are lagging further behind in extreme heat outreach and planning, as a recent study from the Nicholas Institute for Energy, Environment, and Sustainability found that extreme heat is understated in many [State Hazard Mitigation Plans](#).

- **Why this matters:** Increases in extreme heat are expected to contribute to a [dramatic rise in illnesses and deaths](#) by the end of the century, and heat is already the largest contributor to [weather-related deaths](#) over the past 30 years. Heatwaves, like other disasters, also cause disproportionate impacts to select populations and communities. For example, people who live in cities are more at risk than those who reside in suburban or rural areas due to [heat islands](#), which have been further linked to demographic factors such as income and race.
- **Resources you should know about:** FEMA is conducting a series of webinars that coincides with its [#SummerReady](#) campaign. The first one, held on [July 12](#), discussed the impacts of extreme heat and federal funding available to address it. The second webinar will be on [August 16](#). You can also check out two CONSTANT-authored blogs on extreme heat on our [website](#).

Celebrating CONSTANT



- CONSTANT celebrates our 19-year anniversary on August 24! Since our inception, we have executed on our mission of making the world a safer place with support to federal, state, and local government agencies as well as the private sector across a wide range of program and project developments and updates. We thank all of our team members, clients, partners, and colleagues for your unwavering support and look forward to the future! Stay tuned for more on CONSTANT's anniversary on [LinkedIn](#) and our [website](#).
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In the News



An Action Guide to Disrupt Inequitable Health Outcomes

Pfizer, NACCHO, the National Minority Quality Forum, Morehouse School of Medicine, and the Century Foundation developed a Guide that focuses on practical solutions to drivers of inequity in four areas, healthcare facilities and delivery, workforce pathways, research and data, and policy.

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FEMA Celebrates Disaster Resilience Month

To recognize Disaster Resilience Month, FEMA is raising awareness of the importance of community projects. The agency will announce project selections for FY22 [BRIC](#) and [Flood Mitigation Assistance](#) grant programs and will designate preliminary [Community Disaster Resilience Zones](#).

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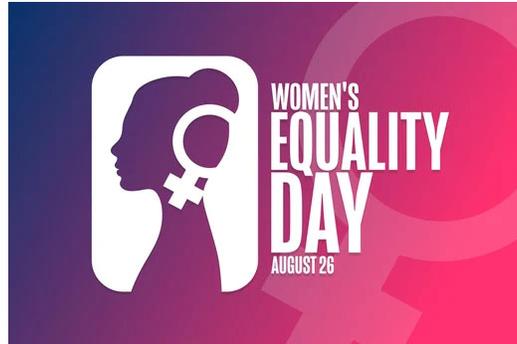


New Office of Pandemic Preparedness and Response Policy

The Biden Administration has established a permanent Office of Pandemic Preparedness and Response Policy to continue to bolster the nation's readiness against biological threats. It will lead policy coordination and continue the duties of the current COVID-19 and MPox Response Teams.

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The Fun Stuff



Women's Equality Day

We celebrate [Women's Equality Day](#) on August 26, a day that commemorates the 1920 adoption of the 19th amendment (the right to vote). As a woman-owned business, we celebrate progress made and continue to commit to advancing gender equality in all facets of society.

Summer Sports

Although the USWNT was eliminated from the Women's World Cup, there is still plenty of time left in the [MLB season](#), the start of [NFL preseason](#), the kickoff of the [track and field world championships](#), and the [US Open](#), all happening this month.



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