

Michigan Environmental Public Health Tracking Network

Michigan has joined the National Environmental Public Health Tracking Network!

Michigan is one of the two newest states to receive funding to implement an Environmental Public Health Tracking Network, for a total of 26 state and local tracking programs funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as part of its National Tracking Program.



Why Tracking Matters

The Tracking Network is an internet system of integrated and searchable public health and environmental data. With the Tracking Network,

- The public can learn about health threats such as the presence of environmental contaminants in their community and take action to protect themselves and their families.
- Elected officials can make more informed health policy decisions. For example, they can see their community's historic environmental data to determine if actions taken to reduce pollution levels are working.
- Health professionals and researchers will have easier access to scientific data allowing them to learn more about health conditions related to the environment.

Tracking in Michigan

Over the next three years, the Michigan Tracking Program (MiTracking) will develop an interactive public web portal to provide public access to health and environmental data for Michigan. The portal will provide information and searchable data to users in support of three goals: a) informing the practice of public health at the state and local level; b) educating the public regarding the relationships between the environment and chronic diseases; and c) promoting research into possible connections between environmental hazards and adverse health outcomes.

MiTracking will also provide Michigan data to the CDC's National Tracking Network, where users can access national data as well as data from Michigan and other states.



