



# CALIFORNIA CLEAN AIR DAY

A PROJECT OF THE COALITION FOR CLEAN AIR

## HOSPITALS & HEALTHCARE TOOLKIT

California's Clean Air Day goal is to spread the message throughout California about air pollution and how it directly impacts all Californians' health. With your help we can get the message out about how important clean air is to all of our neighborhoods on Clean Air Day!

*"The City of Santa Cruz's participation in Clean Air Day allows us to amplify the promotion and uptake of actions residents can take to improve outdoor air quality and reduce emissions."*

Hospitals, medical offices, and healthcare providers are in a unique position to directly communicate with vulnerable groups how air pollution affects their health. Healthcare professionals are advocates of public health issues facing their local communities and can make real change through their leadership and local authority. Here are ways a hospital, medical office, and healthcare provider can participate in Clean Air Day:

### PHYSICAL SPACE

- Replace all heating and air conditioning HEPA filters on a regular basis
- Update lights with energy-efficient replacements
- Purchase environmentally friendly products that do not contribute to indoor pollution (e.g. mercury-free, latex-free, non-toxic cleaning supplies)

- Offer designated “bike parking”, including outlets to charge e-bikes to encourage active transportation
- Install solar panels
- Reduce the number of deliveries, have them arrive at non-peak times
- Have the maintenance crew replace gas-powered lawn equipment with electric
- Ensure contractors reduce the impact of the building by limiting the use of diesel generators and suppressing dust
- Ensure all boilers, electrical generators, and sterilizers are energy efficient
- Monitor and share local air quality data. Contact the Coalition for Clean Air about an affordable air monitor that can be linked to employee phones.
- Stop vehicles from idling near entrances and around parking lots by establishing no-idling zones
- Install extra ventilation in areas where people work with chemical cleaning solutions
- Change cleaning schedules to off-peak time during low foot traffic

## **EMPLOYEE ENGAGEMENT**

- Sign up to take the pledge as an organization!
  - When you sign up, you'll receive a personalized link to for the Clean Air Day Pledge. You'll be able to track and use the data acquired for anyone that completes the pledge using your personalized link.
- Have departments compete to see who can get the most Clean Air Day pledges!
  - TIP: You can create sublinks under your personalized organization link to track pledges between groups
- Provide vegan snacks/lunch to celebrate Clean Air Day!

## BUSINESS PRACTICES

- Contact local and state officials about the air quality in your community
- Invest in zero-emission patient shuttles
- Sponsor an air monitor in the community
- Issue a press release about steps your facility is taking to be clean air approved, along with permanent policy changes. You are welcome to use our media advisory template which can be found at [cleanairday.org/resources](https://cleanairday.org/resources)
- Promote Clean Air Day on social media with our social media toolkit or your own resources
- Work with vendors to adopt clean air solutions in their business
- Work with gift shops to remove helium balloons