

Health Care Climate Challenge

In April 2022 Allina Health committed support for climate action by signing the [Health Care Climate Challenge](#). As signatories, we solidify our commitment to patients and the future of the communities we serve by pledging to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, becoming more resilient to the impacts of climate change and engaging with staff and our community to promote climate education and encourage action.

Allina Health's Climate Action Plan

In alignment with these three focus areas, our [Climate Action Plan](#) outlines the steps we will take to fulfill our pledge.



Greenhouse gas reduction

We pledge to reduce our carbon footprint, and to measure and report on our progress. We have chosen a baseline year of 2019 and adopted ambitious guidelines:

- **Goals** – Reduce our greenhouse gas emissions 50% by 2030 and reach net zero emissions by 2050.
- **Scopes** – Include all scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions sources.
- **Initiatives** – Reduce emissions-producing activities, increase energy efficiency and renewable energy, and as a last resort purchase offsets.



Resilience

We pledge to prepare for the impacts of climate change by becoming more resilient to increasing incidents of extreme weather and the shifting patterns of disease. Rising temperatures can create many conditions that affect how disease is transmitted. Floods and severe rain increase the spread of bacteria and mold, intensifying respiratory diseases and weakening immune systems. Global warming leads to more frequent and widespread vector-borne illnesses such as Lyme disease from ticks and West Nile Virus from mosquitoes.

- **Initiatives** – Work with relevant internal partners to incorporate climate resilience into policies and procedures currently in place.

Engagement

We pledge to educate our staff and communities on the challenges and solutions related to climate and the connection to the health of our patients and communities. In addition, we pledge to encourage public policy, economic development and investment strategies that support our climate commitments.

- **Initiatives** – Work within established communication channels and partner with relevant internal staff to identify initiatives that align with Allina Health’s education, policy, economic development and investment efforts. Continue to foster and expand partnerships with external stakeholders.

This plan sets Allina Health on a leadership path for climate action in the health care sector. The strategic framework provides a roadmap to develop and implement topic-specific targets and initiatives, as well as the means to measure our progress.