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**\*\*\*MEDIA ADVISORY: PRESS CALL WITH COALITION OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL ORGANIZATIONS TO ADDRESS HEALTH-CLIMATE CRISIS \*\*\***

**Leading Health and Medical Groups Call for Action to End Mounting Climate-Health Emergency**

***Policy Action Agenda outlines solutions to combat climate change in ways that safeguard and improve health and health equity***

Following a surge in the number and intensity of climate change-related health harms – from exposure to extreme weather and heat waves to worsening air pollution and the spread of insect-borne disease – health and medical groups have joined together to outline *The Call to Action on Climate Health and Equity: A Policy Action Agenda* to protect the health and safety of all people in the U.S.

Endorsers of *The Call to Action on Climate, Health and Equity*, which include the **American Academy of Pediatrics**, the **American College of Physicians**, the **American Heart Association**, the **American Lung Association**, the **American Public Health Association**, the **National Medical Association** and dozens of health and medical organizations, are calling on policymakers at all levels of government, business and the civil sector to move quickly to advance solutions to climate change.

Featuring some of the most influential national leaders in health and medicine, participants in the press briefing will outline *The Call to Action on Climate, Health and Equity*, discussing key policy solutions to combat climate change and immediately improve health.

**What**:

The official launch of *The Call to Action on Climate, Health and Equity: A Policy Action Agenda*, an unprecedented push for solutions to the climate-health crisis endorsed by dozens of health organizations. *The Call to Action on Climate, Health and Equity* will be available on June 24 in advance of the briefing.

**Who**:

Confirmed speakers include the following:

* **Aparna Bole**, MD, FAAP, Incoming Chair, American Academy of Pediatrics Council on Environmental Health
* **Boris Lushniak**, MD, MPH,Rear Admiral, Retired, United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps; Former Acting Surgeon General of the United States
* **Deborah Brown**, Chief Mission Officer, American Lung Association
* **Jeffrey Thompson**, MD, Executive Advisor, CEO Emeritus, Gundersen Health System; Chair, Health Care Without Harm Board of Directors
* **Laura Anderko**, PhD, RN, Director, Mid-Atlantic Center for Children’s Health and the Environment, Professor, Georgetown University

**When & Where**:

11:00 a.m. ET, June 24, 2019. Please register [here](https://directrsvp.com/DirectRSVP/WebForms/EventRegistration.aspx?InvCode=f2fb0f86-c66e-4a55-b494-377aaa609219).  *You will receive an email confirmation and a unique pin once you register.* For more information, please contact Susan Tonassi ([stonassi@burness.com](mailto:stonassi@burness.com)). <https://directrsvp.com/DirectRSVP/WebForms/EventRegistration.aspx?InvCode=f2fb0f86-c66e-4a55-b494-377aaa609219>

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