

# Health care commitments at the the Global Climate Action Summit



**100% renewable electricity:** 18 institutions representing the interests of over 1,200 hospitals and health centers in 10 countries have made the commitment to 100% renewable electricity. When achieved, these institutions will collectively be serving more than 23 million patients per year at facilities powered by 3.3 billion kilowatt hours of renewable electricity. In doing so, they will have reduced their aggregate annual greenhouse gas emissions by over 1 million metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e.

## Health Care Climate Challenge

This Health Care Without Harm initiative mobilizes health care institutions around the world to play a leadership role in addressing climate change. Hospitals and health centers joining the Health Care Climate Challenge commit to taking meaningful climate action in three areas: mitigation, resilience, and leadership.

- More than 178 participants, representing the interests of more than 17,000 hospitals and health centers in 26 countries have joined the Health Care Climate Challenge committing to reduce their carbon footprint, build resilience, and take leadership action on climate change.
- This group has collectively committed to reduce their carbon emissions by more than 16 million metric tons annually – the equivalent of a year of carbon emissions from four coal fired power plants saving an estimated U.S. \$1.7 billion in health costs related to air pollution.
- Saved U.S. \$381 million through energy efficiency and renewable energy generation.

## **California Health Care Climate Alliance**

Five health systems have formed the California Health Care Climate Alliance, a leadership body of health systems committed to protecting the public from the health impacts of climate change, becoming anchors for resilient communities, and contributing to meeting the state's climate goals. The alliance was launched in collaboration with Health Care Without Harm. The members, Dignity Health, Kaiser Permanente, Providence St. Joseph Health, Sutter Health, and UC Health, represent:

- 119 hospitals in California (22% of CA hospitals)
- 23 million patients

- 355,550 employees
- \$6.33 billion provided in community benefit
- Alliance members have each committed to deeply reduce their greenhouse gas emissions, which will result in a projected reduction of over 2.1 million metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e.
- Alliance members have installed and/or procured 311 megawatts of renewable energy.

## **The We Are Still In new health care pillar**

The We Are Still In coalition formed in June 2017 in response to the administration's plans to withdraw the United States from the Paris Agreement. The health care sector – America's largest employer and a growth industry – is the latest sector to join the We Are Still In coalition, strengthening the message to the world that the United States remains committed to the Paris Agreement.

With the addition of the 21 health care systems, it now counts more than 3,500 businesses, state, and local leaders, universities, and other organizations from all 50 states among its ranks.

By the numbers:

- 21 U.S. health systems and three health care organizations signed on.
- The health systems represent:
  - 918 hospitals in 41 states
  - 1 million employees
  - \$200 billion in revenue