The Lancet publishes new report on health and climate change

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The 2019 report of the Lancet Countdown on health and climate change was released last week. It represents the findings & consensus of 35 leading academic institutions & UN agencies with a view to ensuring that the health of a child born today is not defined by a changing climate.

The Lancet Countdown [1] is an international, multidisciplinary collaboration, dedicated to monitoring the evolving health profile of climate change, and **providing an independent assessment of the delivery of commitments made by governments worldwide under the Paris Agreement**.

The 2019 report [2] presents an annual update of 41 indicators across five key domains: climate change impacts, exposures, and vulnerability; adaptation, planning, and resilience for health; mitigation actions and health co-benefits; economics and finance; and public and political engagement.

> The science of climate change describes a range of possible futures, which are largely dependent on the **degree of action or inaction in the face of a warming world**. The policies implemented will have far-reaching effects in determining these eventualities, with the indicators tracked by the Lancet Countdown monitoring both the present-day effects of climate change, as well as the worldwide response.

Understanding these decisions as a choice between one of two pathways - one that continues with the business as usual response and one that redirects to a future that remains “well below 2°C” - helps to bring the importance of **recognising the effects of climate change and the necessary response to the forefront**.

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