

One Health 2022 Update

One Health is a collaborative, multisectoral, and trans-disciplinary approach—working at local, regional, national, and global levels—to achieve optimal health and well-being outcomes recognizing the interconnections between people, animals, plants, and their shared environment. U.S. EPA’s Office of Research and Development, in collaboration with the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials (ASTHO), the Environmental Council of the States (ECOS), and the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (AFWA), hosted two webinars and one workshop in 2021 to promote the One Health approach and to identify potential collaborative project ideas.

The webinars served to discuss the importance of the One Health approach and the role of different environmental, health, and animal professionals within the One Health framework. [View recordings of the webinars here.](#) The goal of the workshop, held on December 9, 2021, was to further explore One Health topics of interest to states and EPA with practitioners, build and enhance relationships between state environmental, health, and natural resource/fish and wildlife agencies, and identify potential One Health projects to collaborate on at both the state and national levels that will benefit states.

One idea that came out of the workshop was to host a One Health Community of Practice (CoP). In 2022, EPA, ECOS, ASTHO, and AFWA kicked off the One Health CoP and held a total of three calls throughout the year. Highlights included state examples from Missouri and Alaska. Missouri formed an interagency coordination team to foster collaboration across the departments of Agriculture, Natural Resources, Health and Senior Services, and Conservation. [Read more about the Missouri example here.](#) Alaska has been using the One Health approach since 2001. Currently they are using the One Health approach to tackle Avian influenza – Alaska is sending a uniform message to the public across each state agency. The quarterly CoP with states and EPA will continue into 2023.

EPA, ECOS, ASTHO, and AFWA held a joint webinar to highlight all of the above mentioned One Health efforts and more on November 16, 2022. [View the webinar recording here.](#)