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Unsafe levels of toxic chemicals found in drinking water for six million Americans

The highest levels of a widely used class of industrial chemicals linked with cancer and other health problems were found in water supplies near industrial sites, military bases, and wastewater treatment plants.



Humanitarian aid is focus of new online course

Humanitarian Response to Conflict and Disaster—offered for free through HarvardX—begins August 30, and will explore the principles guiding humanitarian response and the challenges faced by responders.



Targeting environmental health disparities

A new collaborative effort by Harvard Chan School and Boston University School of Public Health aims to address the health effects of multiple environmental exposures and social factors in Massachusetts.

Podcast: Zika and the Rio Olympics



In the latest episode of our weekly podcast: [Marcia Castro](#), associate professor of demography, explains why the threat of Zika at the Rio 2016 Summer Olympics is actually quite low.

In the news

[Poll: Most in U.S. OK with late-term abortions if Zika harms fetus](#)

[Zika infections in Miami prompt CDC travel advisory](#)

[Medicaid expansion under ACA linked with better health care, improved health for low-income adults](#)

[Gymnasts exposed to flame retardants in foam safety equipment](#)

Around the School



Why do children become stunted?

A new study adds surprising new evidence to the link between parental education and stunting.



Parents helping parents to fight obesity in preschoolers

Researchers at Harvard Chan School are collaborating with Head Start parents and staffers in Boston, Cambridge, and Somerville to promote a program that will help low-income parents

develop healthy eating habits and healthy behaviors in their children.

Building a better dessert: the 'Three Pleasures'

Dessert shouldn't have to be a trade-off between unhealthy ingredients and flavor, according to [Walter Willett](#), chair of the Harvard Chan School's Department of Nutrition.

Being Mortal earns Emmy nomination

Being Mortal, a PBS documentary based on the 2014 book of the same name by surgeon, writer, and public health researcher [Atul Gawande](#), explores how doctors struggle to care for their dying patients.

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