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“Warming of
the climate system
is unequivocal.”

*-Intergovernmental
Panel on Climate Change,
2007*



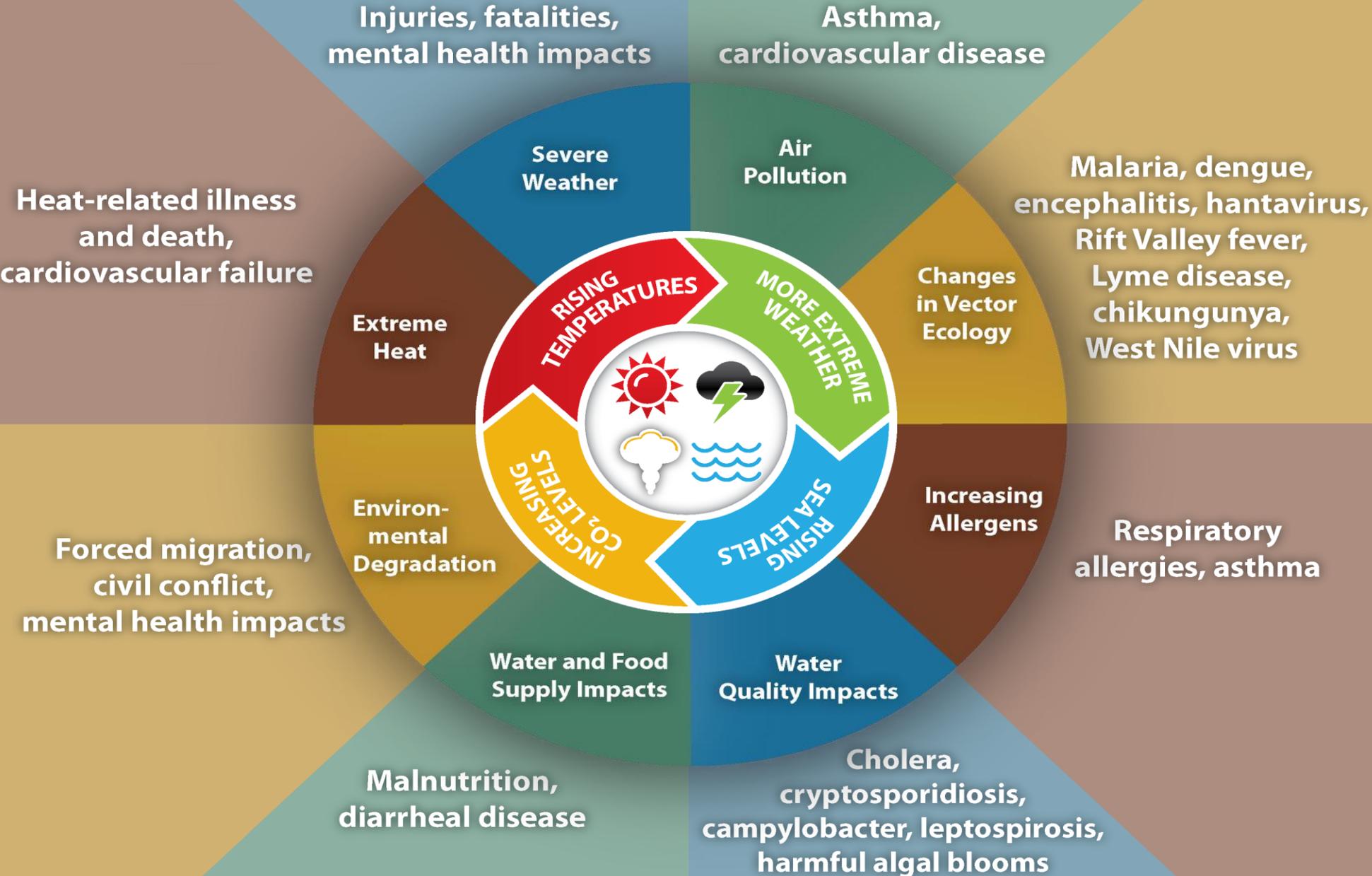
INCREASING MAGNITUDES
OF WARMING INCREASE
THE LIKELIHOOD OF

**SEVERE AND
PERVASIVE IMPACTS**



An Overview: Climate Change and Health

Impact of Climate Change on Human Health



Injuries, fatalities,
mental health impacts

Asthma,
cardiovascular disease

Malaria, dengue,
encephalitis, hantavirus,
Rift Valley fever,
Lyme disease,
chikungunya,
West Nile virus

Respiratory
allergies, asthma

Cholera,
cryptosporidiosis,
campylobacter, leptospirosis,
harmful algal blooms

Malnutrition,
diarrheal disease

Forced migration,
civil conflict,
mental health impacts

Heat-related illness
and death,
cardiovascular failure



Extreme
Heat

Changes
in Vector
Ecology

Increasing
Allergens

Water and Food
Supply Impacts

Water
Quality Impacts

Severe
Weather

Air
Pollution

Environ-
mental
Degradation

RISING
TEMPERATURES

MORE EXTREME
WEATHER

RISING
SEA LEVELS

INCREASING
CO₂ LEVELS

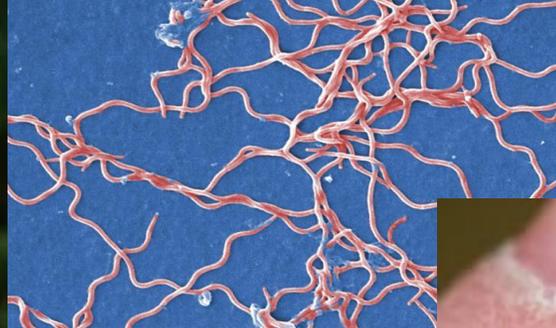
Children are not little adults

- Drink more water per unit of body mass
- Eat more food per unit of body mass
- Breathe more air per unit of body mass
- Have longer “shelf-life”
- Developing organism with stages of vulnerability
- Differing metabolism





Air Quality Impacts



Vector-Borne Diseases



Water-Related Illness





Downtown Franklin, VA inundated by flood waters. (photo credit: FEMA)



Extreme Events



Food Safety, Nutrition, and Distribution





Mental Health and Well-Being





Thank You!



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