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NEWS ROUNDUP

IPM in Schools - June 2018

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Classroom Microbiome Linked with Asthma Morbidity

A pilot study published in the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology found that high classroom microbial diversity is associated with increased asthma symptoms, whereas home microbial diversity is not. This study also found that IPM practices can play a significant role in altering microbial community structure. The full article can be downloaded as a PDF [here](#).



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Working together to reduce the burden of asthma

Sustainable Financing for Asthma Education

IPM is a proven tool for reducing asthma morbidity in schools. In May, RAMP hosted a webinar on securing sustainable funding for asthma education. Among other valuable lessons, pursuing multiple funding and policy opportunities and developing diverse partnerships were highlighted. These concepts can be applied to the promotion of school IPM as well. A recording of the webinar can be found [here](#).



Warm Weather Brings Increase in Tick Diseases

The CDC reports that tick-borne diseases have tripled since 2004, and experts believe that the recent warm weather may cause a "tick-[population]explosion" this summer. Since tick habitats can extend into school areas, extra precautions such as long clothing, repellents and tick checks should be employed to prevent the spread of disease. The full CDC report can be found [here](#). For additional resources about tick-borne diseases and how to protect yourself please visit the resources on the Public Tick IPM Working Group [website](#).



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School Preparation Guidance for Summer Management

The school year is ending and that means summer cleaning, repairing and reviewing IPM practices will soon begin. Nevertheless, summers can be opportunities for pests. The latest School & Home Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Newsletter from the University of Arizona helps you prepare for the summer while sending pests packing. Read more [here](#).



Mice and Mold: Historic Teacher Walkout in Arizona Leads to Pay Raises

Thousands of teachers and educational support professionals held a walkout in Arizona to protest budget cuts in public schools. Grievances included rodent, cockroach and scorpion-infested classrooms and teachers forced to pay for pest control measures out of their own pocket. The Arizona Senate has approved teacher raises, but has not allocated additional funds for infrastructure or pest control. To follow this story, please visit the NEA [website](#).

Upcoming Events

June 1, 2018 [All Bugs Good and Bad Webinar Series: Attracting Pollinators to Our Yards](#)

June 6, 2018 [VectorBase Population Biology Webinar](#)

June 10-13, 2018 [Entomological Society of America Pacific Branch Meeting](#), Reno, NV

June 13, 2018 [Green, Clean and Healthy: Effective Cleaning and Preventive Maintenance for a Healthier School Environment EPA Webinar](#)

June 14, 2018 [Integrated Pest Management II: An Advanced Perspective Seminar](#), Sacramento, CA

June 19, 2018 [Weed Management Expo for School Sites](#), Long Beach, CA

June 21, 2018 [Risk-Based Strategy to Ensure the Effectiveness of Hospital Disinfectants EPA Webinar](#)

June 22, 2018 [Weed Management Expo for School Sites](#), Dixon, CA

June 28, 2018 [Comprehensive School IPM Workshop](#), Waterville, ME

June 28, 2018 [Practical Food Safety in the Garden Webinar](#)

June 30-July 3, 2018 [NASN 50th Annual Conference](#), Baltimore, MD

July 18, 2018 [IPM Coordinator Training by TASB](#), Austin, TX

August 3, 2018 [All Bugs Good and Bad Webinar Series: Bees, Wasps, and Hornets, Oh My!](#)

August 30, 2018 [Bees in the Garden Webinar](#)

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