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## HPIO brief outlines link between outdoor air quality and health of Ohioans

**(COLUMBUS, Ohio)** – Most states have cleaner outdoor air than Ohio and analysis by the Health Policy Institute of Ohio has found that the physical environment (including outdoor air quality) has a much stronger correlation with the overall health of Ohioans than even access to care or healthcare system performance.

The findings are included in a new HPIO policy brief titled “[A closer look at outdoor air pollution and health.](#)”

Clean air and water, safe places to walk outside and access to healthy food are examples of conditions in the physical environment that affect the health and well-being of Ohioans. According to HPIO's , Ohio ranked 46<sup>th</sup> among the 50 states and DC for outdoor air quality, meaning that most other states have cleaner outdoor air than Ohio.

The policy brief focuses on the importance of clean air and provides additional information on the outdoor air quality metric in the *Dashboard*, including how:

- Air pollution affects health outcomes
- Recent policy changes may affect air pollution
- Outdoor air quality can be improved in Ohio

HPIO will be hosting a 30-minute webinar on the findings of the brief at 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 16. More details about the online event will be shared soon.

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