

[admin_super] Air Quality Alert - 09.15.23 - 11:45

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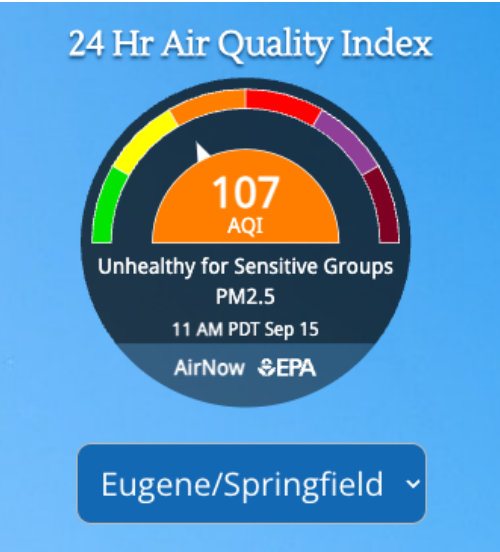
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Fri, Sep 15, 2023 11:45 AM

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Good morning(ish), amazing leaders,

The unwelcome return of wildfire smoke has the air quality index on the rise again today.



Air Quality Index (AQI)	5-3-1 Visibility Index	Required Actions for Outdoor Activities
51 - 100	5-15 Miles	Athletes who are unusually sensitive to air pollution should consider indoor activities only. Athletes with asthma should have rescue inhalers readily available and pretreat before exercise <i>if</i> directed by their healthcare provider. All athletes with respiratory illness, asthma, lung or heart disease should monitor symptoms and reduce/cease activity if symptoms arise. Increase rest periods as needed.
101 - 150	3-5 Miles	Athletes who are unusually sensitive to air pollution should consider indoor activities only. Athletes with asthma should have rescue inhalers readily available and pretreat before exercise if directed by their healthcare provider. All athletes with respiratory illness, asthma, lung or heart disease should monitor symptoms and reduce/cease activity if symptoms arise. Athletes with asthma or other lung diseases, heart conditions or diabetes may need additional rest breaks during practices / contests. Consider rescheduling to a different time and / or an area with a lower AQI. Schools should consider the impact of elevated AQI lasting for multiple days and the impact of prolonged exposure for athletes and staff on multiple practice session days when making decisions. Consider moving practices indoors, if available. Be aware that, depending on a venue's ventilation system, indoor air quality levels can approach outdoor levels.
151 - 200	1-3 Miles	All outdoor activities (practice and competition) shall be canceled or moved to an area with a lower AQI. Move practices indoors, if available. Be aware that, depending on a venue's ventilation system, indoor air quality levels can approach outdoor levels.
>200	1 Mile	All outdoor activities (practice and competition) shall be canceled or moved to an area with a lower AQI. Move practices indoors, if available. Be aware that, depending on a venue's ventilation system, indoor air quality levels can approach outdoor levels.

While the current community average reading does not meet the threshold to require district directed activity modifications, pockets of our our community are above recommended levels for outdoor activities. We will continue to monitor the greater region for required adjustments,

but please remember that individual buildings can always make more stringent calls for their specific community and air quality conditions as identified by [PurpleAir.com](https://purpleair.com)

As always, our diligent facilities team is monitoring and adjusting as needed centrally to HVAC systems to ensure we are not drawing additional outside air in locations with elevated levels.

Please also review the below matrix to support staff whose position may take them outdoors to ensure OSHA compliance.

Your directors and leaders continue to be available to support you in navigating individual building, and department needs.

Kindly,
Jen

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Good morning, all,

As I'm sure you can tell with the smell of the smoke in the air, that the air quality index is once again creeping up.

Please be aware that we are now in the unhealthy range (red) which requires us to move to activities indoors.

Yesterday, a question surfaced regarding staff members who have specific individual health concerns aggravated by the poor air quality. As administrators, you can assess individual concerns on a case-by-case basis. The district does not currently have a formalized work-from-home policy, as such we will rely on past practice similar to inclement weather. Staff who are adversely impacted by the air quality at their work location, and who can perform all of their duties from home may do so following supervisor approval. If the work assignment does not afford the opportunity for remote work, the staff member may use eligible leave time, or work with their supervisor to flex during hours of lower AQI. Decisions regarding all staff will be made at the district level and communicated accordingly, similar to inclement weather.

The district continues to follow OSHA practices including monitoring air quality conditions and providing KN95 masks for staff who may benefit from them. (See below).

Thank you for your work as we navigate what seems to be a new annual reality.

Kindly,
Jen

AQI (Air Quality Index)		Protection from Smoke- OSHA	HVAC Systems
0-50	Good		
51-100	Moderate		
101-150	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	Provide N95/ NIOSH approved filtering facepiece respirators for voluntary use, notification of AQI change through radio	Close outside air dampers, Full return/ make-up air
151-200	Unhealthy	Provide N95/ NIOSH approved filtering facepiece respirators for voluntary use, notification of AQI change through radio	Close outside air dampers, Full return/ make-up air
201-250	Very Unhealthy	Provide N95/ NIOSH approved filtering facepiece respirators for voluntary use, notification of AQI change through radio	Close outside air dampers, Full return/ make-up air
251-300	Very Unhealthy	Provide N95/ NIOSH approved filtering facepiece respirators for mandatory use, notification of AQI change through radio	Close outside air dampers, Full return/ make-up air
301-500	Hazardous	Provide N95/ NIOSH approved filtering facepiece respirators for mandatory use, notification of AQI change through radio	Close outside air dampers, Full return/ make-up air
Radio Communication (101-250): Base to all Facilities staff- This is an update on air quality conditions. The AQI is currently at or above 100. NIOSH-approved respirators are available to employees for voluntary use, if needed.			
Radio Communication (251-500): Base to all Facilities staff- This is an update on air quality conditions. The AQI is currently at or above 250. NIOSH-approved respirators are mandatory and are available to all employees.			

Thank

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