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Health officials urge Riverside County residents to take precautions in smoke-affected areas

A wildfire burning near the border of Orange and Riverside counties within the Cleveland National Forest is sending smoke into some areas throughout Riverside County.

According to the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD), smoke has made its way into parts of Riverside County as a result of the Holy Fire that is burning to the east of Trabuco Canyon. The resulting smoke and ash are creating unhealthy air quality levels.

“It’s important that Riverside County residents be mindful of the risks of breathing unhealthy air and take steps to keep safe,” said Dr. Cameron Kaiser, Riverside County public health officer.

Kaiser recommends that those who live in areas impacted by smoke should avoid strenuous activity, remain indoors with the air-conditioning on and windows and doors closed.

“The excessive heat and smoke can make for dangerous health conditions, especially among those with respiratory illnesses, young children and the elderly. For residents without access to cool, clean air, we advise that they make use of cool centers that are open throughout the County,” Kaiser added.

The cool centers are coordinated by the Community Action Partnership of Riverside County, in conjunction with the health department, and are located in local libraries and senior and community centers. Light refreshments and water will be available at some locations.

For a list of cool center locations, visit www.capriverside.org.

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