

Warning Issued For Risk Of 'Unhealthy' Air Quality; Sign Up for Emergency Alerts

Due to the wildfire smoke throughout the Bay Area, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District has issued the following health advisory and Spare the Air Alert in effect through the weekend: "Bay Area residents should protect themselves from the impacts of heavy smoke. If residents see or smell smoke in their immediate area, they should stay indoors, if possible, with windows and doors closed and air conditioning units on recirculate to avoid drawing outside air into buildings. Children, the elderly and those with respiratory conditions such as asthma, COPD, emphysema and heart disease are most impacted. "It is recommended that parents and school administrators check air quality readings before allowing children outdoors while air quality is unhealthy. Check here for real-time air quality readings <https://go.usa.gov/xnxhb>." View full health advisory here: <http://bit.ly/2yht1zE>. The County's Office of Emergency Services urges San Mateo County residents to sign up for the county's emergency alert system, SMC Alert, to receive Red Flag warnings, drift smoke alerts and emergency notifications as well evacuation and boil water advisories in the event a wildfire or any other disaster were to hit the Peninsula: www.smcalert.info. For emergency preparedness information and how to make a family disaster plan and kit, visit <http://www.smcready.org/>.