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Health officials urge limiting outdoor activities because of fire in Southwest Riverside County

Riverside County health officials are urging those in southwest Riverside County to limit outdoor activities and take other precautions because of the smoke and ash generated by the Liberty Fire in Murrieta.

The Southern Coast Air Quality Management District has issued a smoke advisory.

The fire started Thursday and the burn area is currently about 300 acres with 60 percent containment.

Strong northeast winds are expected to continue through at least Friday morning bringing smoke into the southwestern portion of Riverside County. Air quality may reach **Unhealthy** levels or higher in areas directly impacted by smoke.

Areas of direct smoke impacts and Unhealthful air quality include portions of Lake Elsinore and Temecula Valley.

[In any area impacted by smoke:](#)

Everyone should avoid any vigorous outdoor or indoor exertion; people with respiratory or heart disease, pregnant women, older adults, and children should remain indoors.

Keep windows and doors closed or seek alternate shelter.

Run your air conditioner if you have one and keep the fresh air intake closed and the filter clean to prevent bringing additional smoke inside. Avoid using a swamp cooler or whole-house fan to prevent bringing additional smoke inside. To avoid worsening the health effects of smoke, don't use indoor or outdoor wood-burning appliances, including fireplaces.

SCAQMD Advisory updates can be found at the following link:

<ftp://ftp.aqmd.gov/pub/globalist/Advisory.pdf>