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PRECAUTIONS CAN HELP PROTECT AGAINST HEALTH HAZARDS FROM FIRE SMOKE

Smoke and ash from fires near Riverside and Norco can pose a health hazard for people living in the surrounding communities, especially for residents with chronic respiratory conditions.

If the air quality worsens, residents near the smoky areas should stay indoors and limit any outdoor physical activities, said county Health Officer Eric Frykman. The county Department of Public Health recommends that residents use the recirculation feature on air conditioners, if available. Recirculation can help prevent the smoky air from entering the inside of the home, office or car.

Anyone who experiences shortness of breath, chest tightness or pain should contact their medical provider.

For the latest information on fire conditions, visit the county Office of Emergency Services website at www.rvcfire.org.

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