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AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

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## AIR QUALITY ADVISORY

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Currently air monitors for Mendocino County are in the “Good” range. Wildfire suppression efforts are near full containment in Northern California. Recent rain was definitely a welcome relief! The smoke and haze that has filled the inland of Mendocino County has started to dissipate with the return of healthier air.

It is anticipated that the AQI readings (Air Quality Index) will generally be in the ‘Good’ to ‘Moderate’ range in most areas of the county while fire protection agencies reach full containment. Unless conditions change, air quality for Mendocino County should enter normal diurnal patterns.

**Persons experiencing any of the following symptoms should contact a health care provider:** Headache; Repeated Coughing; Chest Tightness Or Pain; Difficulty In Breathing; or Nausea.

According to Mendocino County’s Public Health Officer, Constance Caldwell, M.D., “Heavy smoke can pose a danger to everyone. If you can smell or taste smoke, or experience itchy eyes or a scratchy throat, this is unhealthy and you should stay indoors as much as possible. Those with heart or lung disease, including asthma, should consider leaving areas of heavy smoke if possible. If not, individuals with these health conditions should stay indoors with doors and windows closed as much as possible. In heavy smoke, everyone should avoid unnecessary strenuous outdoor activity.”

New fire activity and wind directions and wind speeds can change at any time. It is advised to be prepared and stay informed. Impacts to the air quality will be most noticeable in the evening to early morning hours.

The Mendocino County Air Quality Management District has particulate monitors running continuously measuring our air quality. These monitors report particulate matter concentrations hourly to the air District’s website. To get the latest air quality information for Mendocino County visit: [www.mendoair.org](http://www.mendoair.org).