

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE
Los Angeles Unified School District
Office of Environmental Health and Safety

TO: Local District Superintendents
Local Districts

DATE: September 15, 2020

FROM: Carlos A. Torres, Director
Office of Environmental Health and Safety

**SUBJECT: AIR QUALITY, SMOKE, AND HEAT ADVISORY FOR SEPTEMBER
16, 2020**

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) has forecasted “Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups” air quality levels in the San Fernando Valley and “Unhealthy” levels for all other areas within Los Angeles Unified boundaries for September 16, 2020. The SCAQMD advises that everyone should discontinue prolonged, vigorous outdoor exercise lasting longer than one hour. Susceptible persons, such as those with heart or lung disease, should avoid outdoor activity entirely.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health has issued a Smoke Advisory for September 16, 2020 throughout Los Angeles County due to wildfire smoke per the SCAQMD forecast. If you smell smoke or see ash due to a wildfire, limit your exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed or seek alternate shelter, and avoid vigorous physical activity. For more tips on protecting yourself during a wildfire, please refer to SCAQMD’s Wildfire Smoke & Ash Safety Tips page at <http://www.aqmd.gov/home/air-quality/wildfire-health-info-smoke-tips>.

The Office of Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS) will continue to monitor air quality and fire conditions and provide updates as necessary. For more information on ash from wildfires, refer to the OEHS [Safety Alert 03-13, Responding to Wildfire Ash in Schools](#).

The Heat Alert issued by the Los Angeles County Health Officer will continue to remain in effect through September 16, 2020 for the San Fernando Valley. Please refer to the OEHS webpage on heat illness prevention at <https://achieve.lausd.net/Page/16805> and refer to [Bulletin-963.2](#) for heat stress prevention tips. Employees working outside or in other areas where heat may be a factor must be provided access to water and periodic shade to protect from the effects of heat-related illnesses. For additional information specially geared towards employees, the California Division of Occupational Safety and Health Administration provides a website with valuable information at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/DOSH/HeatIllnessInfo.html>.

Please share this information as needed. If you should have any questions or need assistance, do not hesitate to contact our office at (213) 241- 3199.

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