TO: Robert Laughton, Director  
Maintenance and Operations Branch  
DATE: May 5, 2020  
FROM: Carlos A. Torres, Director  
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SUBJECT: AIR QUALITY & HEAT ADVISORY: MAY 6 & 7, 2020

Please provide this advisory to Grab & Go POD Leaders to ensure the safe operation of these centers. Local District Superintendents and other stakeholders will be informed in the event that there are other operations taking place that may be impacted by the forecasted air quality. The South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) has forecasted unhealthy air quality levels for sensitive groups in the West San Gabriel Valley monitored area for Wednesday, May 6, 2020. The following Grab & Go locations fall within this designated area:

- Eagle Rock High School
- Verdugo Hills High School
- Burbank Middle School

SCAQMD advises that children and adults with heart disease, asthma, and other chronic respiratory diseases should not participate in physical activity and avoid prolonged outdoor exposure.

The National Weather Service has issued a heat advisory today for the Los Angeles County Coast including Downtown Los Angeles; Los Angeles County; San Fernando Valley; and the San Gabriel Valley through 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 7, 2020.

Please refer to Bulletin-963.2 and Safety Alert, 11-05, Preventing Heat Related Illness 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 to help protect employees from heat related illness. The site can be accessed at http://www.dir.ca.gov/DOSH/HeatIllnessInfo.html.

The Office of Environmental Health and Safety will provide updates and communication in the event inclement weather conditions change. Lastly, additional related information may be found in each school’s Integrated Safe School Plan.

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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