

ORANGE COUNTY OPERATIONAL AREA
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

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Wildfire Smoke Poses Potential Health Risk

Smoke from the Santiago Fire may pose a health danger to some Orange County residents, especially those in certain high-risk groups.

"Everyone should take precautions to stay cool and drink plenty of water to reduce health risks related to the heat and wildfire smoke," said Dr. Clayton Chau, County Health Officer.

"Additional precautions are especially needed for older adults, those with preexisting medical conditions like heart or lung disease, those with disabilities, children, and those who may be working outdoors."

Precautions to Reduce Health Effects of Wildfire Smoke:

- Avoid any vigorous outdoor or indoor activity.
- People with respiratory or heart disease, the elderly, and children should remain indoors.
- Keep the windows and doors in your home closed.
- Use your air conditioner on the re-circulate mode, if available, to limit the intake of outdoor air and keep your home comfortable.
- Keep your airways (nose and mouth) moist by drinking extra amounts of water. This helps your body filter out potentially harmful particles in the smoke.
- Seek medical attention if you have symptoms such as chest pain, chest tightness, shortness of breath, or severe fatigue.

To view current air quality conditions by region in an interactive map –
<http://www3.aqmd.gov/webappl/gisaqi2/home.aspx>

Residents are encouraged to stay informed of the most current information by monitoring:

- ✓ @OCFA_PIO on Twitter
- ✓ #SilveradoFire on Twitter
- ✓ local media

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