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Local Air Quality May be Affected by Smoke from California Wildfires

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. — Santa Barbara County Air Pollution Control District and Santa Barbara County Public Health Department encourage Santa Barbara County residents to be alert to air quality conditions over the weekend. Smoke from the Woolsey and Hill fires in Ventura County and the Camp Fire in Butte County has the potential to start affecting our area, depending on wind and weather conditions.

See current conditions and forecasts on the District's website: www.ourair.org/todays-air-quality.

If you see or smell smoke, we recommend avoiding outdoor exercise and staying indoors until conditions improve. When driving, people should use the car's recirculate feature to prevent smoky air from entering the vehicle. People can also set up a "clean air" room in their home by using a HEPA air purifier or attaching a HEPA filter to a box fan. See more information about HEPA purifiers: www.ourair.org/071218-news/.

If you experience symptoms related to smoke exposure, contact your doctor. Symptoms include repeated coughing, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, wheezing, chest tightness or pain, palpitations, headaches, and nausea or unusual fatigue or lightheadedness.

For more information, visit www.OurAir.org.

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