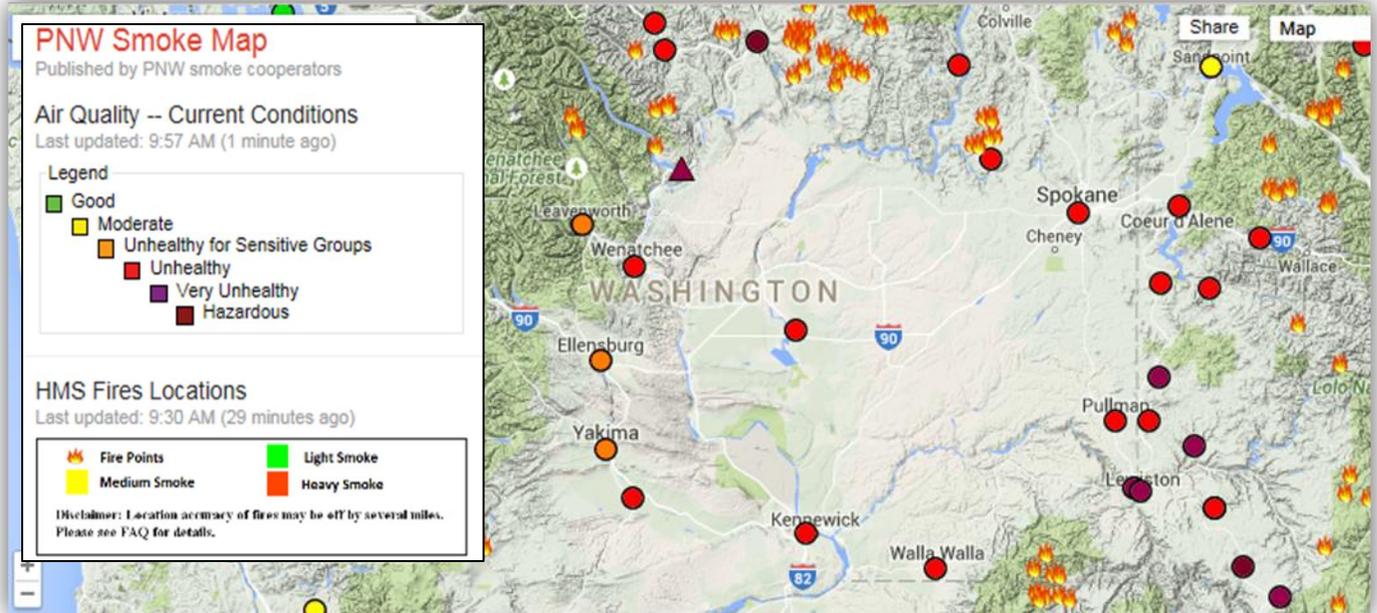




WHITMAN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH AIR QUALITY CONCERNS

Increase in smoke and particulates prompts health advisory

A recent decrease in air quality has resulted in the Whitman County Public Health Department issuing a health advisory for county residents, especially residents with heart or lung illnesses and conditions.



Local increases in smoke and in the region have prompted Whitman County Health Officer Dr. Brad Bowman to advise residents of Whitman County and neighboring areas to limit outdoor activities during times of poor air quality, especially for those individuals with health issues.

The decrease in air quality has been associated with wildfires and atmospheric pressures that causes the smoke and dust to remain in the area instead of blowing away. This condition is expected to remain for several days, possibly weeks.

A health advisory is made to inform residents of issues that may impact their health or lifestyle in order to provide accurate information to make informed health decisions.

For Additional Air Quality Information

- [Whitman County Public Health](#)
- [Washington State Department of Health](#)
- [Washington State Department of Ecology](#)
- [Washington Smoke Information](#)

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| Visibility in Miles | Air Quality Index | Health Category | Health Effects |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| 10 or more | 0-50 | Good | None |
| 5-10 | 51-100 | Moderate | Unusually sensitive people should consider reducing prolonged or heavy exertion. |
| 3-5 | 101-150 | Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups | People with heart or lung disease, older adults, and children should reduce prolonged or heavy exertion. |
| 1.5-3 | 151-200 | Unhealthy | People with heart or lung disease, older adults, and children should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion. Everyone else should reduce prolonged or heavy exertion. |
| 1-1.5 | 201-300 | Very Unhealthy | People with heart or lung disease, older adults, and children should avoid all physical activity outdoors. Everyone else should avoid prolonged or heavy exertion. |
| 1 or less | 301-500 | Hazardous | Everyone should avoid all physical activity outdoors; people with heart or lung disease, older adults, and children should remain indoors and keep activity levels low. |