

Safely Huddle

Code Grey - Air Exclusion (EMER-10)

What is Code Grey – Air Exclusion? Used after determining that the outside air is a danger to the people inside the Hospital (980 Oliver Rd), such as toxic plume from a chemical release or large smoky fire.

Wildfires & Prolonged Air Quality Issues

Environment Canada has already issued special air quality statements this fire season for various regions in Ontario, noting that smoke plumes from active wildfires put particles and gases into the air that can be harmful to human health.

Did you know Wildfire Season is April 1 to October 31 each year?



General Code Grey – Air Exclusion Response Actions

- Regularly monitor the Air Quality Index and evaluate wind direction.
- Assess the need to reduce or modify entrances into the Hospital.
- Assess the ability to increase recirculated air within the Hospital.
- Assess the need to recommend workers and patients wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Additional Resources

- Current forest fire danger, forest fire activity, and fire restrictions across Ontario: <https://www.ontario.ca/page/forest-fires>
- Thunder Bay - Air Quality Health Index: https://weather.gc.ca/airquality/pages/onaq-042_e.html
- Smoke forecast map: <https://firesmoke.ca/forecasts/current/>