

MEMO

To: Staff, Professional Staff, Learners, and Volunteers

From: Ryan Sears, Code Grey – Air Exclusion Executive Sponsor

Date: July 29, 2025

RE: Code Grey – Air Exclusion Policy Reminder

For circulation to Staff, Professional Staff, Learners, and Volunteers

Environment Canada is continuing to issue special air quality statements for the Thunder Bay area related to smoke plumes from active wildfires this season. These fires put particles and gases into the air that can be harmful to human health. When this occurs, people may experience symptoms such as increased coughing, throat irritation, headaches, or shortness of breath. With Ontario's legislated fire season running from April 1 to October 31 annually, leadership will continue to monitor air quality advisories and adjust our Hospital's response as required.

Recommended Actions

- Review the [Code Grey – Air Exclusion \(Button Down\)](#) policy and associated refresher Safety Huddle (see attached).
- Directors/Managers please share the attached Safety Huddle with your teams.
- Visit www.airhealth.ca for information on how to reduce your health risks along with current and forecasted Air Quality Health Index (AQHI) values.

Thank you,
Ryan Sears, Director, Capital and Facility Services
Code Grey – Air Exclusion Executive Sponsor