AIR QUALITY ALERT

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Please use additional precautions when going outside. The Town Health Officer, Collin Peters recommends avoiding going outside if possible or using a mask if you must go outdoors especially for those with Cardiac or Lung Issues.

National Wether Service:

AIR QUALITY ALERT IN EFFECT UNTIL Thursday Afternoon. The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation at Albany has issued a Air Quality Health Advisory for Fine Particulates.. until midnight EDT tonight. Air quality levels in outdoor air are predicted to be greater than an air quality index value of 100 for ozone. The air quality index or AQI, was created as an easy way to correlate levels of different pollutants to one scale. The higher the AQI value, the greater the health concern. When pollution levels are elevated, the New York State Department of Health recommends that individuals consider limiting strenuous outdoor physical activity to reduce the risk of adverse health effects. People who may be especially sensitive to the effects of elevated levels of pollutants include the very young and those with pre existing respiratory problems such as asthma or heart disease. Those with symptoms should consider consulting their personal physician. For additional information, please visit the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation website at, https://on.ny.gov/nyaqi, or call the Air Quality Hotline at 800-535-1345.

The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has issued a Code RED Air Quality Alert for all of northeast Pennsylvania due to widespread smoke impacting the state from forest fires across eastern Canada. A Code RED Air Quality Alert means that air pollution concentrations within the region are unhealthy, and the general public may experience mild health effects. Members of sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects. The effects of air pollution can be minimized by avoiding strenuous activity or exercise outdoors.