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SANTA CRUZ COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS PROVIDE UPDATE ON MOSS LANDING PLANT FIRE: SAFETY TIPS FOR RESIDENTS AND SENSITIVE GROUPS

Santa Cruz County Public Health Officials continue to monitor the Moss Landing Plant Fire. At this time, there is no immediate threat, and people may resume normal activities. Sensitive groups, including those with respiratory difficulties, should continue monitoring local air conditions. Residents who live closest to the fire should limit outdoor exposure, keep windows and doors closed, and adjust central air systems to recirculate indoor air or close outdoor air intakes to avoid drawing in smoky outdoor air.

Smoke can cause eye and throat irritation, coughing, and difficulty breathing. People who are at greatest risk of experiencing symptoms (sensitive populations) are:

- Young children
- Older adults
- Pregnant people
- People with respiratory conditions (such as asthma or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)).

Sensitive populations and people who live closest to the fire should avoid outdoor activity, wear an N95 respirator or surgical mask, and seek medical help if respiratory symptoms worsen.

County residents should continue to monitor air quality.

For up-to-date information about local air quality, visit the Monterey Bay Air Resources District website: mbard.org.

Identify your zone and get details on current evacuation orders in your area. Visit Genasys Protect at protect.genasys.com/search.

Sign up for [CruzAware](#), the emergency and non-emergency alert and warning system for Santa Cruz County residents.

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