**Back-to-School Air Quality Advisories**

Chelan-Douglas Counties, WA – Students across Chelan and Douglas County return to school next week. Air quality in Wenatchee, Leavenworth, Plain and Chelan is currently *hazardous*. Similar conditions are likely to continue during the initiation of back-to-school next week. Washington State Department of Health has the following recommendations to help school districts make safe decisions for students during school activities:

- Monitor the current air quality via [Department of Ecology Air Monitoring Network](https://www.ecy.wa.gov);
- The [Air Pollution and School Activities Guide](https://www.ecy.wa.gov), provides recommendations for recess, P.E., and athletic events during smoky conditions; and
- [Improve Ventilation and Indoor Air Quality during Wildfires](https://www.ecy.wa.gov) by keeping indoor air free of smoke.

Although school closure is at the discretion of each individual School District, parents can also follow these steps to protect their children’s health:

- Stay informed on air quality via [Department of Ecology Air Monitoring Network](https://www.ecy.wa.gov);
- Avoid smoky air and limit children’s time outdoors;
- Keep indoor air clean and [Improve Ventilation and Indoor Air Quality during Wildfires](https://www.ecy.wa.gov); and
- Contact medical provider if current medical conditions worsen around smoke.

Additional Resources:

- [Chelan-Douglas Health District](https://cdhd.wa.gov)
- [Washington State Department of Health](https://www.doh.wa.gov)

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