



Storybook Village Preschool

GUIDELINES FOR WILDFIRE SMOKE

When a wildfire occurs nearby, the decision to close or evacuate the school is straightforward. However, as we have seen over the past several years, wildfire smoke can settle within our community when a wildfire is hundreds of miles away and impacts students' health and school operations. Our goal is to keep the children and teaching staff healthy and safe while partnering with the families and community.

Below is our school's guidelines to share how SVP makes decisions from the data collected by the state when addressing if the school closes, remains open, or modifying school events:

AIR QUALITY INDEX LEVELS OF HEALTH CONCERN (WITH NUMERICAL VALUE):

- **GOOD (0 to 50): No Restrictions;**
- **MODERATE (51 to 100):**
 - **No restrictions for preschoolers;**
 - **Infants and toddlers will stay indoors;**
- **UNHEALTHY FOR SENSITIVE GROUPS (101 to 150): All children will stay indoors;**
- **UNHEALTHY (151 TO 200): All children will stay indoors;**
- **VERY UNHEALTHY (201 TO 300): SCHOOL CLOSED**
- **HAZARDOUS (301 TO 500): SCHOOL CLOSED**

These guidelines are based on the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and Centers for Disease Control's Air Quality and Outdoor Activity Guidance for Schools and Wildfire Smoke: A Guide for Public Health Officials. The guidelines assist in the California schools' decision-making process.

Storybook Village Preschool will monitor local air quality conditions using air quality tracking tools recommended by the local air district, such as U.S. EPA's air quality index (AQI) available at AirNow.gov.

The school will have portable HEPA filters in the classrooms, and the portable filters will be sized correctly for each area. The teachers will ensure doors and windows are closed, which limits natural ventilation.

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