



Wildfire Smoke Situational Report

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Reporting Period: Next 48–72 Hours

1. Current Situation Overview

- **Active Fire Status:** Approx. 14 active wildfires are currently burning in the Eastern and Northeastern Sectors, serving as the primary source of smoke.
- **Affected Area:** Low to moderate smoke coverage is present throughout the entire Province.
- **48-Hour Forecast:** Prevailing weather patterns indicate a general smoke flow traveling from **North to South** over the next 48 hours.
- **Air Quality Monitoring:** PurpleAir monitors across partner communities indicate that smoke levels have not reached alarmingly high or sustained thresholds at this time.
- **Health System Capacity:** No health facilities within the Partnership are experiencing capacity issues. All local clinics and hospitals remain fully operational and capable of assessing smoke-related concerns.

2. Community-Specific Impacts

Due to their closer proximity to the active regional fires, the following communities may experience **higher concentrated bursts of smoke**:

- Hall Lake
- Laronge

Note on Modeling: Current predictive models indicate that these high smoke levels are **not** expected to settle into these areas for prolonged periods over the next 48 hours. The situation is being monitored closely.



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3. Health Recommendations & Actions (Next 72 Hours)

In coordination with environmental modeling teams, the following official health recommendations are in effect:

- **Sensitive Individuals:** Elders, children, pregnant individuals, and those with pre-existing respiratory or cardiac conditions should remain indoors during periods of heavier smoke.
- **Symptom Monitoring:** Community members should closely monitor themselves and family members for symptoms like persistent coughing, wheezing, or shortness of breath. Seek advice from a local healthcare provider immediately if symptoms develop.
- **Evacuation Status: Current environmental models do not support or warrant large-group evacuations based on smoke conditions alone.**

4. Proactive Community Support & Protective Steps

NITHA is actively working to mitigate indoor air quality risks across partner communities through the following measures:

- **Fresh-Air Shelters:** Designated clean air facilities have been successfully established in multiple communities to provide a safe reprieve from the smoke.
- **Air Filtration:** High-efficiency home air purifiers (HEPA) have been deployed and made available to several vulnerable individuals.

5. Coordinator's Notes & Resources

- **Immediate Action:** If your indoor air quality becomes compromised, or if recommended by your healthcare provider, please utilize distributed home HEPA filters or access your local community fresh-air shelter.
- **Contacts:** To locate your community's fresh-air shelter, please contact your local health clinic or community leadership.
- **Online Modeling:** For active smoke tracking visual models, visit firesmoke.ca.



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