

Blowing dust prompts health caution for Valley

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The National Weather Service issued an air quality alert through Wednesday morning due to blowing dust caused by windy conditions.

Affected counties include San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Fresno, Kings and the Valley portion of Kern County.

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District advises those with heart or lung diseases to remain indoors if possible and avoid prolonged or strenuous outdoor physical activities to reduce the effects of unhealthy air.

Gusty winds could help create potentially unhealthy conditions

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Gusty winds this afternoon might kick up dust and create potentially unhealthy conditions, according to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.

The district says the gusty conditions might persist through early Wednesday morning.

The areas of concern include the western portions of San Joaquin and Stanislaus counties, as well as other counties farther south, according to a news release from the district.

The winds might produce areas of localized blowing dust, which might contain unhealthy concentrations of small particulate matter that can aggravate lung disease, trigger asthma attacks and bronchitis and increase the risk of respiratory infections.

Among the recommendations: older adults and children should avoid prolonged exposure or heavy exertion, and those with heart or lung disease should follow their doctors' advice on dealing with exposure to the particulates.

For more information, go to www.valleyair.org.

Air district issues alert for blowing dust

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Gusty winds are stirring up dust that poses a health hazard in Kings, Fresno, Kern, Stanislaus, San Joaquin, Merced and Madera counties.

The winds can result in unhealthy concentrations of particulate matter 10 microns and smaller, which can cause serious health problems and aggravate lung disease, trigger asthma attacks and bronchitis, and increase the risk of respiratory infections.

People with heart or lung disease should follow their doctors' advice for dealing with particulate exposure. Older adults and children should avoid prolonged exposure or heavy exertion where dust is prevalent.

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