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Fire Season 2022 Update

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Community Resources: Hazardous Smoke and Relocations

*In collaboration with **HVT OES** (Office of Emergency Services) and **TANF** (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families), our goal to keep everyone informed and safe during fire season. Communication is critical during emergencies. In the event of possible cell phone/internet service interruptions, we recommend everyone have a radio to tune into **KIDE 91.3 FM Radio** for updates. For emergency safety planning, preparedness is critical. Please communicate with our **KMC Outreach Team** if you need assistance.*

KMC Outreach Department Contacts

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Clean Air Safety Options

Option #1: Staying inside and use a home HEPA Air Purifier

Option #2: Clean Air Facility

Option #3: Relocation (Declaration of Emergency)

Option #1: HEPA Air Purifiers:

- 1) Please contact **HVT OES** if you have any questions regarding your HEPA Air Purifier
- 2) Persons who received HEPA Air Purifiers are expected to keep and maintain them. If you do not have a HEPA Air Purifier, please our KMC Outreach
 - a. **KMC Outreach** coordinates with **HVT OES** to update a HEPA Unit distribution list. Changes not reported affect the ability to keep everyone safe during fire season

Option #2: Clean Air Facilities in Hoopa:

- 1) **Senior Nutrition:** *Open from 8am to 4pm, Monday through Friday (Not open on Sovereign's Day, August 15, 2022)*
 - a. Screening for symptoms and temperature is mandatory
 - b. Masks are required when not eating
 - c. Max capacity of 15 persons
 - d. Hours may be extended for elders in the event of an emergency
- 2) **Neighborhood Facilities (NF):** If Senior Nutrition is at max capacity
 - a. *Hours and availability* will be posted during smoke and fire emergencies

Option #3: Relocation:

What to do if a Clean Air Facility is not enough:

If the smoke is of major danger and neither a HEPA Air Purifier nor a Clean Air Facility (Senior Nutrition or the NF) are enough to meet a patient's worsening health conditions:

- 1) Your provider may write a referral to **TANF** to assist with completion of a NCIDC application for Emergency Assistance services
- 2) NCIDC placements are for persons who have poor health conditions
- 3) Limited to 7-days hotel stay for the entire duration of the fire season
- 4) This is not a first option and should be limited

Relocation Eligibility and Qualifications:

- 1) Relocations will generally not be considered as an option unless smoke remains above a 300 AQI (Air Quality Index) for days at a time
- 2) We kindly request for you to first consider other possible family resources for relocations
 - a. Relocation is a last option as resources (personnel and financial) to provide adequate care for patients on the coast are limited
- 3) Must have provider referral
 - a. Rooms for relocations will be reserved only temporary for the **MOST CRITICAL** of patients as determined by a provider

Fire Season Important Resources

- 1) K'ima:w Medical Center
 - a. www.kimaw.org
 - b. (530) 625-4261
 - c. [K'ima:w Medical Center - Home | Facebook](#)
- 2) Hoopa Valley Tribe and HVT OES
 - a. [Air Quality Monitoring - Hoopa Valley Land Management - Tribal EPA - Realty \(hoopatepa.org\)](#)
 - b. [Hoopa Valley Tribe | Facebook](#)
 - c. HVT OES: (530) 625-4366
 - d. [The Hoopa Fire Department and OES | Hoopa Valley Tribe \(hoopa-nsn.gov\)](#)
 - i. [Community-Wildfire-Protection-Plan.pdf \(hoopa-nsn.gov\)](#)
- 3) PG&E
 - a. [Using backup power \(pge.com\)](#)
 - b. [PSPS Resources Application Rev 7.21 \(disabilitydisasteraccess.org\)](#)
 - i. Disability Disaster Access & Resource Center (DDARC) staff will contact you for your assessment for disaster and emergency services, including Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events
 - ii. Are you dependent on a medical device such as breathing machines, a power wheelchair or scooter, and home oxygen or dialysis? It is critical that you have a plan in place for an extended power outage. Please complete this application
 - c. www.pge.com/transfermeter
 - i. An exclusive offer for select customer with qualified generators
 - ii. Participants must be located in Tier 2 or Tier 3 high Fire Threat District
 - iii. Any questions: backuppowertransfermeterrequest@pge.com
 - d. www.pge.com/customerpspsplanningmaps
 - e. www.pge.com/reportit
 - f. www.safetyactioncenter.pge.com
 - g. www.pge.com/wildfiresafety
 - i. Confirm your phone and email so you can receive alerts during an outage
 - h. www.pge.com/addressalerts
 - i. Need to sign up for the PSPS/EPSS alerts if you are not the account holder
- 4) HVT TANF
 - a. [Hoopa Valley Tribal TANF \(hoopatanf.com\)](http://Hoopa Valley Tribal TANF (hoopatanf.com))
 - b. info@hoopatanf.com
 - c. (530) 625-4816
 - d. [Hoopa TANF • Hoopa Valley Tribal TANF Program - Home | Facebook](#)
- 5) Red Cross
 - a. [Humboldt County Red Cross | Arcata Chamber of Commerce](#)