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# COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

**DATE:** June 8, 2023  
**TO:** All Licensed Providers of the Division of Licensing Programs  
**RE:** Situational Awareness – Air Quality Impacts Caused by Canadian Wildfires

The Virginia Department of Social Services – Division of Licensing Programs would like to share the following information on behalf of the Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association.

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**Subject:** Situational Awareness - Air Quality Impacts Caused by Canadian Wildfires  
**Sent By:** Matthew T. Allen  
Program Manager, Emergency Preparedness  
**Organization:** Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association

We are actively monitoring the development of air quality impacts caused by the Canadian Wildfires. VDH, VHHA and the Regional Healthcare Coalitions are working with partner agencies/organizations to assess the impacts to the healthcare delivery system across the Commonwealth.

Please notify your Regional Healthcare Coalition (contact information listed below) if you experience any emergency conditions including but not limited to patient surge or facility impacts caused by the smoke plume.

**Virginia Regional Healthcare Coalitions:**

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**Please see the list of important resources below:**

US EPA: <https://www.epa.gov/air-quality>

VA DEQ: <https://www.deq.virginia.gov/our-programs/air/monitoring-assessments/air-quality-forecast>