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Information Regarding Wildfires and Public Safety Power Shutoff
Update #2

UCSF Emergency Management teams continue to closely monitor the unfolding situation related to the Kincade Fire in Sonoma County, as well as grass fires near the Carquinez Bridge in Vallejo and Crocket, Lafayette Fires, and PG&E’s Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) that has impacted much of the Bay Area.

Since the Kincade fire continues to grow amid strong wind conditions and full containment is not projected until November 7, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) expects that the region’s air quality will continue to fluctuate, with some areas reaching the “orange” level, indicating that the air is unhealthy for sensitive groups. These groups include people who have heart or lung disease, such as asthma or COPD, older adults and children, all of whom should reduce prolonged outdoor air or heavy exertion.

Given the different and fluctuating weather and wind conditions seen in region, UCSF is monitoring outdoor air quality as reported by the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) AirNow website at https://airnow.gov/. The EPA website includes a search box to check the air quality of specific zip codes, in addition to maps identifying the air quality index using a color-coded system and details on what pollutants are present and who might be at risk.

PG&E’s Public Safety Power Shutoffs
UCSF also is closely monitoring plans for PG&E’s PSPS, which are impacting many Bay Area counties. UCSF Campus Sites and UC Hastings Law Campus are not expected to be affected by PSPS outages today or this coming week.

For those commuting to UCSF and UC Hastings Law from areas without power, please take care crossing intersections where traffic lights are not functioning and treat them as stop signs. Members of the UCSF and UC Hastings Law communities are encouraged to prepare for recurring PG&E power outages. Please check PG&E’s PSPS website for details about what to do before and during power outages: https://www.pge.com/en_US/safety/emergency-preparedness/natural-disaster/wildfires/outage-readiness.page

Additional Resources

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Those who are sensitive to smoke or whose family members may be impacted by closures or power outages, should consult with their manager or advisors about their unique situation to request special accommodations.

More resources can be found on the following websites:


- Google map of outages: https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=11OZXAhjqf-NnZHzCSz-4puYSjangbG4e&ll=37.78961840853223%2C-122.02310933614916&z=10


Any concerns over the weekend can be directed to UCSF PD by calling (415) 476-1414 and request the HSEM Duty Officer.

Help fight crime by reporting suspicious persons and/or suspicious activity to UCSF PD immediately—race, gender, and religious affiliation are NOT considered suspicious. For emergency or in-progress events, dial 9-911 when using on-campus land lines and 415.476-6911 when using cell phones. For non-emergency calls, please dial 415.476-1414.