

CODE ALERT - WILDLAND FIRE/SMOKE

This response plan is initiated when there is a risk of fire or smoke to any facility in the region as the result of Wildland Fire/Smoke. The region may receive notice from the Office of Disaster Management.

If notified of a Wildland Fire/Smoke event by the Regional Incident Command or DEPP:

- Be prepared to incorporate plans as identified by the Regional Incident Command or DEPP.
- Prepare for extended response duration.
 - Care Team Manager or Manager/Supervisor to address possible staffing concerns – extended work hours/shifts and staff shortage issues.
- Identify clients and staff who may have a higher susceptibility to the smoke.
 - Prepare to issue face masks to clients and staff.
 - Prepare to issue therapeutic respiratory medications as required.

If in close proximity to the Wildland Fire/Smoke event, and if staff or clients smell smoke within the site from an outside source that is confirmed to not be a fire on the property:

- Activate CODE GREY (see CODE GREY).
- Monitor clients and staffs for effects from smoke and provide treatment as necessary.
 - Consider Evacuation for clients that cannot be maintained at site due to smoke/health related concerns (see CODE GREEN).
- Activate Site ICS; contact Care Team Manager or Manager/Supervisor if not already done to identify concerns related to the Wildland Fire/Smoke.
- Notify Care Team Manager or Manager/Supervisor (see Event Management Notification Map) and provide PMH Resource Status Report Form if requested.
- Based on potential impact to the site/community, planning for CODE GREEN – Evacuation may be required (see CODE GREEN).
 - Gather client belongings.
 - Prepare for transport of medical records, medications and MAR sheets with clients.
 - Provide notification to clients next of kin or alternate care givers.
- Inform Community Based Programs and Services of the smoke concerns and risks to clients in the community.
- Inform staff to be aware of smoke conditions affecting visibility and potential road closures.

When the Wildland Fire/Smoke hazard passes:

- Open doors and windows as available to increase cross ventilation.
- Check filters and turn on HVAC systems.
- Re-assess clients and staff for complaints due to smoke.
 - Treat or request advanced medical services as required.
- Follow CODE GREEN – Repatriation if there was an evacuation.
- Follow CODE ALERT for instructions on cancelling the code (see CODE ALERT – Environment/Infrastructure).

Required Documentation/Resources:

- Incident Reporting System
- Event Management Notification Map
- CODE GREY
- CODE GREEN
- PMH Resource Status Report Form