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****Health Advisory****

Agency: South Health District

Topic: Smoke and respiratory precautions

The South Health District is issuing a health advisory for Ben Hill, Berrien, Brooks, Cook, Echols, Irwin, Lanier, Lowndes, Tift and Turner Counties because of the smoke caused by the current wildfires. Public Health is asking that all outdoor events, especially recreational, be postponed until this health advisory is lifted.

Smoke from wildfires is a mixture of gases and fine particles from burning trees and other plant materials. Smoke can hurt your eyes, irritate your respiratory system and worsen chronic heart and lung diseases. Small children, older adults and anyone with a chronic illness should take precautions and limit outdoor time.

For more information about health problems related to the smoke, please call your local healthcare provider.

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