



First Nations Health Authority
Health through wellness

Air Purifier Support - During Wildfire Season

Individuals are asked to please contact their community health centre to request support for air purifiers. Requests will then be forwarded to the FNHA.

The FNHA has a limited number of air purifiers available for communities to provide to individuals who are most vulnerable to smoke from wildfires.

Public health evidence tells us that certain people are at more risk from wildfire smoke. These include the elderly, babies and young children, and people who are pregnant or have chronic health conditions.

Due to wildfire smoke in various areas of the province, the FNHA will consider requests for air purifiers from communities to support individuals who:

- have asthma
- live with babies or young children
- have heart disease or diabetes
- are elderly
- are pregnant

DUE TO A LIMITED NUMBER OF AIR PURIFIERS / CLEANERS priority will be given to individuals who:

- live in a remote community / housing with limited access to community clean air shelters
- live in a home without a ventilation system that can recirculate air
- have limited transportation / mobility and are unable to access a community clean air shelter
- have respiratory symptoms consistent with COVID-19, or a positive COVID-19 test

Community Clean Air Shelters Please reach out to your local FNHA Environmental Health Officer (EHO) about guidance for a clean air shelters, including considerations for physical distancing and preventing the community spread of COVID-19. If you need more information please reach out to your local EHO.

Replacement HEPA Filters If you received or purchased HEPA filters during past wildfire seasons, ensure that they are still in good condition and replace the filters if needed. Replacement filters are not provided by the FNHA.

Supporting Resources For more information on how air purifiers work, and how to protect yourself and your loved ones from wildfire smoke, visit the BC Centre for Disease Control at bccdc.ca/wildfiresmoke. For more info on wildfire smoke and other supports available to individuals and communities, please visit www.fnha.ca/wildfire.