

Enhancing Air Quality Monitoring in Timiskaming: A Collaborative Effort

Last summer, when smoke from Northern Quebec inundated the Timiskaming region, the nearest air quality monitoring station was approximately 100 km away, which proved insufficient for providing accurate surveillance data. To address this gap, Timiskaming Health Unit partnered with Regional Air Quality and Health Specialists from Environment and Climate Change Canada, who provided free local air quality sensors. Numerous community partners generously hosted these sensors across most of the geographical area. This allows the health unit to monitor air quality and provide health recommendations for the general population and those who are at higher risk of being affected by smoke.

During wildfire season, Timiskaming Health unit ensures that air quality information is regularly updated and posted [online](#). This information includes a measure indicating our current risk level with recommended public actions, a map of daily air quality readings for the area, predictions of smoke levels for the next three days, and a map detailing the status of any local wildfires.

As of Monday September 9, the risk that smoke will affect your health is:

LOW



What you should do:

Enjoy your usual outdoor activities.

Some people are more likely to get sick. Find out if you are one of them, then:

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