

MEDIA RELEASE

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Health Advisory Issued for Stark County Due to Elevated Concentrations of Ozone

James M. Adams, Canton City Health Commissioner, has issued a Health Advisory for Stark County due to elevated concentrations of Ozone within the last 24 hours.

The eight-hour average for ozone reached 72 parts per billion by the afternoon of Tuesday, May 29, 2018, resulting in an Air Quality Index of 105, which is in the “Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups” category. People with respiratory disease, children, older adults, and people who are active outdoors are the groups most at risk. People in these sensitive groups should consider limiting prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion.

The weather forecast today calls for a high temperature of 85 and a 40% chance of rain, with scattered thunderstorms developing this afternoon. We anticipate that cloud cover and cooler temperatures will decrease the formation of ozone and the air quality will show improvement. To get the latest AQI readings based on the most current pollutant levels, visit www.airnow.gov.

Questions concerning this health advisory may be directed to James Adams, Canton City Health Department at (330) 489-3231.

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