

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## For Immediate Release

## **Air Quality Alert Issued**

(Canton, OH) - James M. Adams, Canton City Health Commissioner, has issued an Air Quality Alert for Stark County. This is an extension of the Air Quality Alert issued earlier this week due to extremely high levels of fine particulate matter (PM2.5) resulting from wildfires in Canada.

PM2.5 levels are currently in the Very Unhealthy range of the Air Quality scale. These levels are anticipated to improve significantly throughout today and overnight. Levels are predicted to return to normal on Friday.

While increased levels of PM2.5 continue, people with heart or lung disease, older adults, children and pregnant women should avoid physical activities outdoors. Everyone else should avoid strenuous outdoor activities and limit time outdoors.

To get the latest AQI readings based on the most current pollutant levels, visit www.airnow.gov.

Questions concerning this air quality alert may be directed to Canton City Public Health, Air Pollution Control at (330) 438-4640.

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