

## Email Template for School Nurses During Wildfire Smoke Event

**Subject: Support for Students with Chronic Conditions During Wildfire Smoke Events**

**Dear Teachers,**

As wildfire smoke events continue to affect our community, it's essential to take extra precautions to support our students with chronic health conditions, such as asthma and other respirator or heart conditions. Here are some guidelines to help ensure their well-being during these challenging times.

### **Indoor Air Quality:**

- **Keep Windows and Doors Closed:** Ensure classrooms are sealed off from outdoor air.
- **Air Purifiers:** Use air purifiers with HEPA filters in classrooms to reduce indoor pollutants.
- **Avoid Indoor Pollutants:** Please refrain from using strong cleaning chemicals or allowing activities that might compromise indoor air quality.

### **Monitoring Students:**

- **Symptom Watch:** Be vigilant for symptoms of smoke exposure, such as coughing, wheezing, or shortness of breath. Immediately notify the school nurse if a student exhibits these symptoms.
- **Medication Access:** Ensure students with chronic conditions have quick access to their medications, such as inhalers.

### **Activity Adjustments:**

- **Indoor Activities:** All outdoor activities, including recess and physical education, should be moved indoors.
- **Breaks and Hydration:** Allow students to take frequent breaks and ensure they stay hydrated.

### **Communication:**

- **Parent Updates:** Keep parents informed about the school's measures to protect students and any significant changes in air quality.
- **Student Plans:** Familiarize yourself with the individual health plans of students with chronic conditions and follow the outlined procedures.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your continued commitment to our students' health and safety. Should you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,