

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE 10/23/2022**

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Grant County Media and Healthcare Providers

**FOR INFORMATION CONTACT**

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**Health Advisory – Wilbur Ellis Facility Fire**  
**Infants, children, elderly, and those with respiratory**  
**conditions should remain indoors until fire is completely out.**

Grant County, WA – The Grant County Health District is issuing the following health advisory for residents downwind (North-East) from the Wilbur-Ellis facility fire, located at Road 1.3 and Road O SE, Moses Lake.

The smoke drifting from the fire may contain noxious chemicals which can irritate eyes, nose, throat, airways, and lungs. Those most at risk for breathing problems, including Infants, children, the elderly, as well as individuals with respiratory conditions (such as asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), or other lung diseases), should avoid outdoor environments and exercising. Stay indoors until the fire is completely out or until the extent of the air pollution is better known.

If people must go out, GCHD recommends wearing the highest quality mask one can get. The highest quality masks against air pollution are N95 or KN95, followed by surgical masks, which offer limited help. Cloth masks give the least protection.

In addition, those living within one mile should also follow the advisory issued by Grant County Emergency Management to shelter in place until the advisory is lifted.

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