# Sample Air Quality Health Index Preparedness Guide

- People with heart or breathing problems are at greater risk during elevated Air Quality Health Index readings. Follow your doctor's advice about exercising and managing your condition.
- Prior to outside physical activity check the Air Quality Health Index. Accommodate activities for "at risk" and general population students as appropriate.

## **Actions that Must be Taken**

This section provides the health messages for each category of the Air Quality Health Index for the "at risk" population and the general population.

### Air Quality Health Index 1-3

Health Risk: Low

For at risk students: Enjoy your usual outdoor activities

For general student population: Ideal air quality for outdoor activities

### Air Quality Health Index 4-6

Health Risk: Moderate

- For at risk students: Consider reducing or rescheduling strenuous outdoor activities if you/students are experiencing symptoms
- For general student population: No need to modify your usual outdoor activities unless you/students experience symptoms such as coughing and throat irritation

## Air Quality Health Index 7-10

Health Risk: High

- For at risk students: Reduce or reschedule strenuous outdoor activities. Students should take it easy.
- For general student population: Consider reducing or rescheduling strenuous outdoor activities if you/students experience symptoms, such as coughing and throat irritation

#### Air Quality Health Index Above 10

- o Health Risk: Very High
- o For at risk students: Avoid strenuous outdoor activities
- For general student population: Reduce or reschedule strenuous outdoor activities,
  especially if you/students experience symptoms, such as coughing and throat irritation.