

Wenatchee River Institute Air Quality Policy

Monitoring Air Quality Index (AQI)

- WRI holds the health and safety of our participants and staff as the primary concerns.
- We will closely monitor the **Air Quality Index (AQI)** using **AirNow.gov for Leavenworth** as our primary reference.
- We recognize the complication of changing AQI during the summer and strive to create clarity for our community around how we will respond to AQI conditions and communicate about them.
- For summer camp programs, we will assess AQI at 8:00 AM and 12:00 PM on days of concern.
- For community programs, we will assess AQI prior to the start of program.

AQI Ranges and Camp Operations

1. AQI between 101-200:
 - a. **Camp Continues with Modifications:**
 - i. During this range, camp activities will proceed with necessary adjustments.
 - ii. Groups will split their time between indoor and outdoor activities.
 - iii. While outdoors, campers will engage in low-exertion activities.
 - iv. Staff will actively monitor campers for any signs of smoke-related effects.
2. AQI 201 or Higher (Categorized as Very Unhealthy):
 - a. **Indoor Activities or Cancellation:**
 - i. If the AQI reaches 201 or higher, camps should be conducted indoors or be cancelled.
 - ii. For camps that can continue their advertised program indoors (e.g., art camp), activities will proceed.
 - iii. For camps unable to continue their program indoors (e.g., River Wild), camp will be cancelled for the day.
 - b. In the event of cancellation of camp due to AQI concerns during the day, WRI will keep kids indoors and reach out to guardians via phone to retrieve campers.
 - c. In the event of a cancellation of camp prior to the start of camp we will email an alert to families and add an alert banner to our website by 8:30am.

AQI Ranges and Community Programs Operations

1. AQI between 101-200:
 - a. **Program Continues with Modifications:**
 - i. During this range, activities will proceed with necessary adjustments, including splitting time between indoors and outdoors and/or engaging in low-exertion activities while outdoors.
 - ii. Staff will actively monitor and check in with participants for any signs of smoke-related effects and make further modifications if needed.
2. AQI 201 or Higher (Categorized as Very Unhealthy):
 - a. **Indoor Activities or Cancellation:**
 - i. If the AQI reaches 201 or higher, programs should be conducted indoors or be cancelled.
 - ii. For programs that can continue their advertised program indoors (e.g., art workshop), activities will proceed.

- iii. For programs unable to continue their program indoors (e.g., River Naturalist), program will be cancelled for the day.
- b. In the event of a cancellation we will email an alert to participants.