
**DECLARATION OF A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY DUE TO IMPACTS OF CRITICAL
FIRE EVENTS AND WINDSTORM CONDITIONS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

WHEREAS, significant fires have occurred within Los Angeles County, which have resulted in widespread damage to property, disruption of services, and potential immediate and long-term health risks to the residents of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Human Services has issued a Public Health Emergency Declaration in response to the fire, recognizing the substantial risk to public health in the affected areas; and

WHEREAS, the fires have caused hazardous conditions including, but not limited to, significant degradation to air quality due to massive amounts of hazardous smoke and particulate matter being introduced to the ambient air, displacement of thousands of residents, emergency evacuation of patients from nursing homes and long-term care facilities, and disruption of access to critical health services and resources;

WHEREAS, California Health and Safety Code Section 101040 authorizes the Local Health Officer to take any preventative measure that may be necessary to protect and preserve public health from any public health hazard during a declared State of Emergency and Local Emergency;

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2025, Governor Newsome issued Executive Order N-2-25 that proclaimed a State of Emergency pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act within Los Angeles and Ventura Counties regarding the Palisades and other Fires and Windstorm conditions;

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2025, the Chair of the Board of Supervisors declared a State of Local Emergency pursuant to Chapter 2.68 of the Los Angeles County Code due to the conditions of disaster and extreme peril due the Critical Fire and Windstorm events experienced in wide areas of Los Angeles County;

WHEREAS, the California Health and Safety Code, Division 101, Part 3, chapter 2, commencing with Section 101075 confers upon the Local Health Officer or the Director of Environmental Health of the political subdivisions of this state emergency powers necessary to protect public health and safety;

WHEREAS, section 101080 of the California Health and Safety Code, states that the “Local Health Officer or Director may declare a local health emergency in the jurisdiction of any area thereof” affected by hazardous waste which is an imminent threat to the public’s health;

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
ORDER OF THE HEALTH OFFICER**



NOW, THEREFORE, A LOCAL HEALTH EMERGENCY IS HEREBY DECLARED, in the areas of Los Angeles County.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. In an effort to limit the health impacts of fire ash, smoke and particulate matter caused by the Critical Fire Events and Windstorm conditions, the use of power air blowers, such as leaf blowers, is prohibited until the County Health Officer determines that fire recovery conditions have progressed to a point, where use of air propelling devices will not negatively impact the health of residents.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Muntu Davis M.D., M.P.H.'.

Muntu Davis, M.D., M.P.H.
County Health Officer,
County of Los Angeles

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