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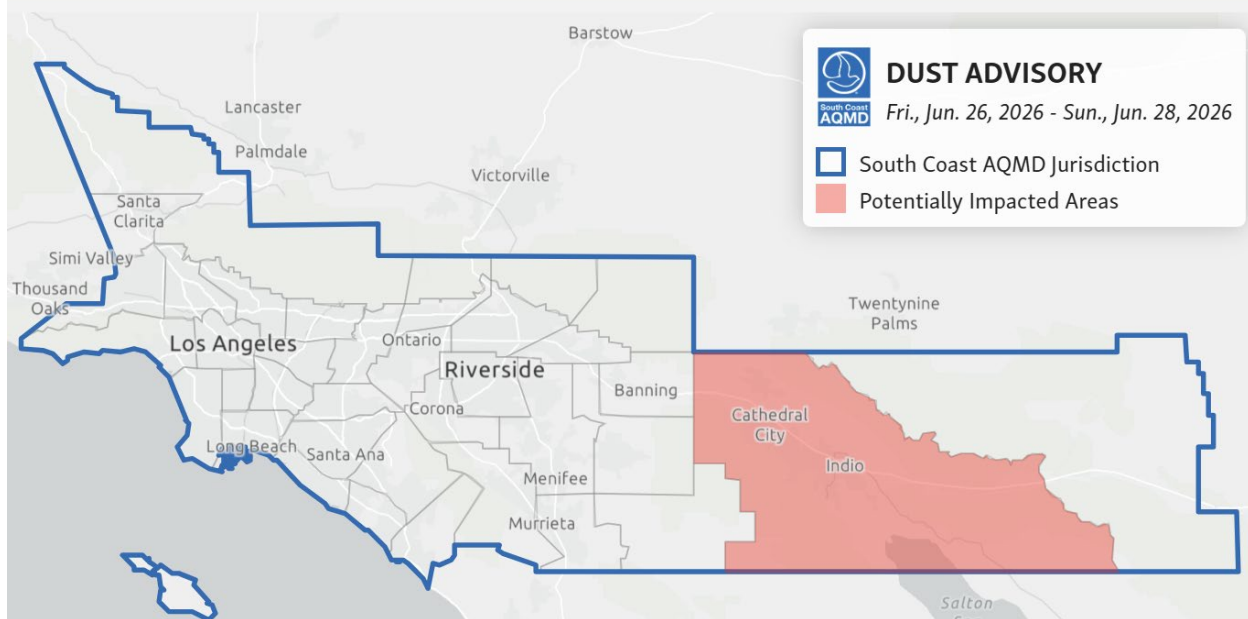
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South Coast AQMD Issues Windblown Dust Advisory for the Coachella Valley

Valid Friday 4:00 PM until Sunday 8:00 AM

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Current Conditions

- The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a wind advisory for the San Geronio Pass and Northern Coachella Valley covering Friday through Sunday morning. Visit the NWS San Diego website www.weather.gov/sgx/ for more information.
- PM10 Air Quality Index (AQI) reached **Unhealthy** levels for 2 hours overnight on Thursday in Northern Cathedral City.

To view current air quality in your neighborhood, download the [South Coast AQMD app](#) or visit www.aqmd.gov/AQImap.

Forecasted Air Quality Impacts

- Windblown dust due to high winds with gusts up to 40-50 mph is expected Friday night. Higher wind gusts of 40-75 mph are expected Saturday night.
- Windblown dust and high particle pollution (PM10) in the **Unhealthy** or higher AQI categories are expected in the Western Coachella Valley for the evenings and overnight on Friday and Saturday.
- In other areas of Coachella Valley, **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups** or higher AQI categories are expected at times for the evenings and overnight on Friday and Saturday.

Detailed Forecast

<p>Friday evening and overnight</p>	<p>Beginning around 4PM on Friday, Unhealthy or higher AQI categories are expected in the Western Coachella Valley near Cathedral City. AQI may reach Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups in other areas of the Coachella Valley.</p>
<p>Saturday daytime</p>	<p>Winds will slow between approximately 8 AM and 4 PM. The PM10 AQI may remain in the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups category throughout the day in the Western Coachella Valley.</p>
<p>Saturday evening and overnight</p>	<p>Beginning around 4PM on Friday, Unhealthy or higher AQI categories are expected in the Western Coachella Valley near Cathedral City. AQI may reach Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups or higher in other areas of the Coachella Valley.</p>
<p>Sunday daytime</p>	<p>AQI is expected to gradually improve as wind speeds decrease.</p>

South Coast AQMD will issue an update if additional information becomes available.

If you are in an area impacted by windblown dust:

- Limit your exposure by remaining indoors with windows and doors closed or seeking alternate shelter.
- Avoid vigorous physical activity.

- Run your air conditioning and/or an air purifier. If possible, do not use swamp coolers or whole house fans that bring in outside air.
- Help minimize dust pollution by stabilizing loose soils and slowing down if driving on dirt roads.

For more information, see the [EPA Guide for Particle Pollution \(PDF\)](#).

South Coast AQMD is the regulatory agency responsible for improving air quality for large areas of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, including the Coachella Valley. For news, air quality alerts, event updates and more, please visit us at www.aqmd.gov, download our award-winning app, or follow us on [Facebook](#), [X](#) (formerly known as Twitter) and [Instagram](#).

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