

Q: What symptoms should I look for?

A: You should watch for wheezing, shortness of breath, difficulty taking a full breath, tightness in your chest, light headedness and dizziness. The smoke may also irritate your eyes, nose and throat.

Q: What should I do if I develop symptoms, like trouble breathing or tightness in my chest, related to the smoke?

A: If you feel unwell and can't manage your symptoms on your own, you should seek medical attention.

Q: Will the Department of Health close schools, offices and other buildings because of the smoke?

A: It is unlikely that public buildings and schools will close because of the smoke. Building owners need to be prepared to manage air ventilation systems to limit smoke coming in and to make their own decisions about closures. The Department of Health will get involved on a case-by-case basis, if necessary.

Q: Is the Department of Health working with other agencies?

A: The department is working closely with the Departments of Environment, Community and Government Services as well as other agencies to monitor the situation and support the City of Iqaluit in managing the situation as best as possible.

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