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AIR QUALITY FORECAST ADVISORY—CODE ORANGE FOR OZONE *For Wednesday, July 26, 2017*

MEMPHIS – In cooperation with the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ); the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH); and the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ), the Shelby County Health Department (SCHD) has issued a “**Code Orange Air Quality Forecast Advisory**” for Wednesday, July 26, 2017 for the Memphis Metropolitan Area. The Memphis Metropolitan Area includes Shelby County, Tennessee; Crittenden County, Arkansas; and DeSoto County, Mississippi. A “**Code Orange Air Quality Forecast Advisory**” indicates ozone levels are forecast to exceed the eight-hour National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

<p>Health Precautions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For Active Children and Adults • For Persons With Respiratory Difficulties • Limit prolonged outdoor activities during afternoon hours • High ozone levels can cause nose, eye, throat, and lung irritation • High ozone levels can aggravate existing conditions and lead to increased potential for illness in this sensitive group 	<p>OZONE REDUCTION TIPS RECOMMENDED DURING “CODE ORANGE OZONE ADVISORIES”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refuel cars and lawnmowers after 7:00 pm, avoid spills and do not “top off” tanks • Carpool or mass transit • Combine errands instead of many separate trips • Drive less, especially during peak hours or hot days
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Under existing Air Quality Index guidelines, ozone levels are expected to reach the classification of “**Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups**”. *The forecast exceedance for tomorrow is expected as a result of stagnant conditions, increased temperatures, and decreased winds.*

<p>Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups (Orange) (Advisory)</p>	<p>101 – 150</p>	<p>Active children and adults, and people with respiratory disease, such as asthma, should limit prolonged outdoor exertion.</p>
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For more information concerning air quality, contact one of the following: SCHD Pollution Control at (901) 222-9599 or www.shelbytnhealth.com; The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality-Planning and Air Quality Analysis Branch-Air Division at (501) 682-0767 or www.adeq.state.ar.us/air/default.htm; The Arkansas Department of Health at (501) 661-2000 or www.healthylarkansas.com/environment/environment.html; The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality-Air Standards and Planning-Air Quality at (601) 961-5577 or www.deq.state.ms.us/MDEQ.nsf/page/Air_Ozone?OpenDocument.

All modes of MATA transportation will be discounted to \$0.25 on Wednesday, July 26, 2017 ONLY.

Mission

To promote, protect and improve the health and environment of all Shelby County residents.

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