

What is the Flag Program?

A flag program implemented by the Yuma County Health and Wellness Coalition (formally known as YTAC) with the support of the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality that will provide a visual advisement of the outdoor air quality conditions. Participating schools and community organizations raise a colored flag each day corresponding to the air quality forecast provided daily by ADEQ.

How will the public be notified?

The public can see the flag color at the participating sites throughout Yuma County (see the list below). As ADEQ provides the three-day forecast, the appropriate flag will be raised to inform the public. The colored flags indicate health risk levels according to that day's Air Quality Index (AQI).

What does the AQI measure?

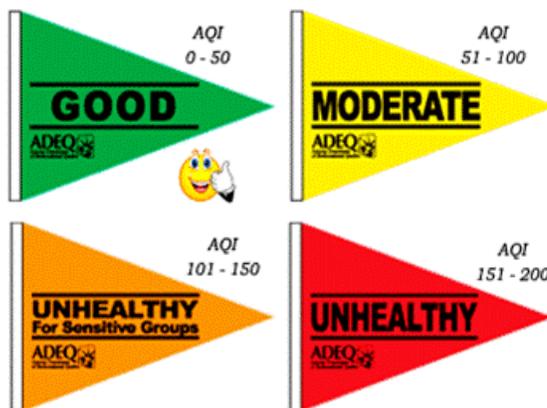
The AQI reading for Yuma County measures the ground level ozone and particulate matter (PM) in the air. For information regarding AQI please visit www.airnow.gov

Who can sign up to receive the ADEQ Air Quality Forecast?

Anyone can sign up for the ADEQ Air Quality Forecast by visiting: www.azdeq.gov. By clicking on the "Daily Air Alert Sign Up" tab on the right hand side of the page, you can register by providing an email address. After registering, you will receive an email Sunday through Friday from ADEQ providing the three-day air quality forecast. For more information on Yuma air quality contact ADEQ at (602) 771-2215 or visit www.azdeq.gov and click 'Air Topics'.

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What do the colors mean?

Green means the air quality is good. No health impacts are expected when air quality is in this range.

Yellow means air quality is acceptable. Unusually sensitive people should consider limiting prolonged outdoor exertion.

Orange means air quality is unhealthy for sensitive groups— people with lung disease such as asthma, children, older adults or those participating in rigorous exercise should limit prolonged outdoor exertion.

Red means air quality is unhealthy. Sensitive groups should avoid prolonged outdoor exertion. Everyone else should limit

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Participants:

Community Sites:

- Yuma County Public Health Services District
- Regional Center for Border Health, Inc.
- Sunset Community Health Center, Inc.

Schools:

- Gadsden School District Schools
- Chicanos Por La Causa Head Start Centers
- Desert View Academy
- Carver Elementary