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### **For Immediate Release**

#### **Air Quality Advisory Issued**

James M. Adams, Canton City Health Commissioner, has issued a Health Advisory for Stark County due to elevated concentrations of fine particulate matter (PM 2.5) within the last 24 hours. PM2.5 consists of particulate matter that are generally 2.5 micrometers and smaller.

The 24-hour average for fine particulate matter reached 39.4 micrograms/cubic meter for November 8, 2020, resulting in an Air Quality Index of 111, which is in the “Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups” category. People with respiratory disease, children, older adults, and people who are active outdoors are the groups most at risk. People in these sensitive groups should consider limiting prolonged or heavy outdoor exertion.

The weather forecast today calls for a high temperature of 74°F and light winds from South. We anticipate that the fine particulate matter will decrease throughout the day and then increase again overnight due to nocturnal fluctuations. To get the latest AQI readings based on the most current pollutant levels, visit [www.airnow.gov](http://www.airnow.gov). You may also visit US EPA website for additional PM2.5 information <https://www.epa.gov/pm-pollution/particulate-matter-pm-basics>.

Questions concerning this health advisory may be directed to Canton City Public Health, Air Pollution Control at (330) 489-3385.

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