

## Air Quality Policy

At Douglas College, safety is our priority. We aim to provide fun, positive and safe experiences for all. However, our outdoor programs may require for us to take necessary measures to ensure the safety of our participants and staff. In the event of an air quality advisory, we will monitor conditions and use the Government of Canada's Air Quality Health Index as a guide when making decisions about outdoor activities, physical exertion, facility use, and program adjustments.

As air quality changes, camp activities may be modified as follows:

### Low Risk, Air Quality Health Index 1–3

This range is considered suitable for regular outdoor play, sport, and physical activity.

**Recommended approach:** Outdoor camps and activities will continue as planned.

### Moderate Risk, Air Quality Health Index 4–6

High-exertion activities may be reduced, modified, postponed, or moved indoors when possible. Additional water breaks, rest periods, and lower-intensity activities may be provided.

**Recommended approach:** Conditions will be monitored throughout the day, and necessary programming adjustments will be made as needed.

### High Risk or Very High Risk, Air Quality Health Index 7+

**Recommended Approach:** Outdoor camps may be moved into classrooms, gymnasiums, or other suitable indoor facility to ensure participant safety. Priority will be given to camps involving higher levels of physical activity. Outdoor activities may be significantly reduced, postponed, or cancelled depending on conditions, facility availability, and camper safety.

Families will be notified of significant program changes when needed.

## Extreme Heat and Weather Policy

In the event of extreme weather conditions, we will explore the following options:

### Mild to Moderate Weather Concerns

Outdoor programming may continue with adjustments. Staff may increase water breaks, provide shaded rest periods, reduce high-intensity activities, and monitor campers for signs of discomfort, overheating, or fatigue.

### High Heat or Severe Weather Conditions

Activities may be modified, shortened, moved indoors, or replaced with lower-intensity alternatives. Staff will prioritize access to shade, water, indoor spaces, and appropriate rest periods whenever possible.

### Unsafe Conditions

If conditions are considered unsafe, such as extreme heat, heavy smoke, thunder and lightning, severe storms, or other environmental concerns, outdoor activities may be postponed, relocated into other suitable facilities, or cancelled. Decisions will be made to ensure camper safety, facility availability, and recommendations from public safety advisories.

Families will be informed of major changes when appropriate. In all cases, we will prioritize safety while exploring making reasonable alternatives to continue programming in a modified and appropriate format.