



# Hoopa Valley Tribal Council

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Are the Schools Safe from the Smoke?

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The answer to the above question is yes. To go into detail, at Hoopa Valley High School—within the modulars—the classroom air is filtered and circulated to create a safe breathing environment for students. As for Hoopa Valley Elementary School, the classrooms are also filtered, and contain circulated air. With the exception of the cafeteria at the elementary school, both schools have HEPA filtered and clean aired classrooms. All rooms that do not have an automatic HEPA filtering system have been equipped with portable HEPA filters.

These air filtering machines in the classrooms make school the safest place that students can be when the smoke hits, even more so than at home. As long as students wear masks outdoors whenever there are unhealthy/hazardous smoky conditions, and remain inside when possible, they will not have any long-term health issues after the smoke clears.

For more information in regards to the smoke and/or air quality updates, please contact Manuel J. Mattz, Public Information Officer at (530) 625-4366 x 525 or by email at [manuelmattz95@gmail.com](mailto:manuelmattz95@gmail.com)

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