

In the interest of health and safety, we will be monitoring the [Air Quality Health Index](#) (AQHI) for Sault Ste. Marie throughout the festival weekend using the Government of Canada's official health scale.

Closure/opening announcements will be updated on our website and social media at 9am and 12 noon each day.

Closure decisions will be based on the AQHI forecast at those times, and will reflect the following policies:

AQHI 1-3 (Low Risk): All festival activities will proceed as normal.

AQHI 4 & 5 (Moderate Risk):

Open	Closed
Ribfest	Children's activities (e.g. craft, ponies, face painting, inflatables)
Gables Midway	Family Time Fun (bleachers behind ribs)
Music entertainment stages	
Vendors (at their own discretion)	
Rotary Food Court	
Wheels on the Water Car Show	
Mini Putt	

Attendees are encouraged to follow the guidelines from the Canada government website:

General Population: continue usual outdoor activities unless you have symptoms like coughing and throat irritation

People At Risk: consider reducing or rescheduling strenuous outdoor activities if you have symptoms like coughing or throat irritation

AQHI 6-10 (Moderate to High Risk):

Open	Closed
Ribfest	Children's activities (e.g. craft, ponies, face painting, inflatables)
Gables Midway	Family Time Fun (bleachers behind ribs)
Vendors (at their own discretion)	Music entertainment stages
	Rotary Food Court
	Wheels on the Water Car Show
	Mini Putt

Attendees are encouraged to follow the guidelines from the Canada government website:

General Population: reduce or reschedule strenuous outdoor activities, especially if you have symptoms like coughing and throat irritation

People At Risk: avoid strenuous activities outdoors