HEALTH IN THE HEARTLAND

Air quality and heart health

According to the U.S. **Environmental Protection** Agency, studies have shown that air pollution can trigger

heart attacks and strokes. The threat posed by air pollution is greater among people who have or have

Vinter

The winter months can be a rough time of year for those who suffer from Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD). Are you feeling sad, sleeping more, eating more, or have difficulty in concentrating? Do you have difficulty waking in the morning or find yourself napping in the afternoon on a regular basis? Then you may be suffering from Seasonal Affective Disorder.

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had coronary artery disease, angina, heart attack, bypass surgery or an angioplasty, heart failure, stroke or transient ischemic attack, or blockages in the arteries of the neck or legs. People who have internal cardiac defibrillators also may be at greater risk of heart attack or stroke due to air pollution. While it's common to assume that air pollution is only a problem for people who live in large cities, the American Heart Association warns against making such assumptions, noting that air pollution can be traced to a host of sources, including wildfires and cooking with wood stoves, that can be found outside of major cities. The AHA also notes that researchers believe pollution has inflammatory effects on the heart that can cause cardiovascular problems.

FEBRUARY HEALTH AWARENESS

American Heart Month National Children's Dental Health Month International Prenatal Infection Prevention Month

African Heritage & Health Week (first week of February)

Congenital Heart Defect Awareness Week (February 7-14)

Eating Disorders Awareness and Screening Week (last week of February)

National "Wear Red" Day for women's heart health (February 5)

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Day (February 5) National Donor Day (February 14)



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