



UPDATED HEALTH ADVISORY – MAY 15, 2023

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The Martinez Amtrak station and parking lot; Marina Vista Avenue between the station and Alhambra Avenue; Alhambra from Marina Vista to Buckley Street; Buckley from Alhambra to Talbart Street; Berrellesa Street from Buckley north to the Martinez City Public Works yard; Escobar Street from Pine Street east to Marina Vista.

UPDATED HEALTH ADVISORY – MAY 10, 2023

Contra Costa Health (CCH) has updated the list of areas affected by this health advisory. They are:

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HEALTH ADVISORY – MAY 9, 2023


To reduce the potential risk of exposure to mercury, Contra Costa Health (CCH) asks the public to avoid walking in part of downtown Martinez until the residue of a spill is removed, so people or pets do not track the material indoors.

CCH Hazardous Materials Program began investigating a mercury spill reported in the parking lot of the Martinez Amtrak station, 601 Marina Vista Road, about 3 p.m. Monday.

By Tuesday afternoon, investigators from CCH and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) found traces of mercury in several locations in the street and gutters along a five-block route.

The contamination is limited to the street and has not been detected in amounts great enough to create an immediate risk to health.

The public health concern relates specifically to the potential for people to walk through contaminated areas of the street and track mercury indoors, where it could potentially cause health problems related to long-term exposure.



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People who walked in the street in these locations on Monday or Tuesday, who believe they may have stepped on a shiny or silvery liquid, should take precautions to avoid bringing it inside or touching it.

Put shoes, clothes or other items in a bag and seal it shut. Place the bag inside another bag, seal it, and place it outside in a secure location. Then call your local health department for further instructions – in Contra Costa County, call CCH Hazardous Materials at 925-655-3200.

Never attempt to wash an article that may be contaminated with mercury, by hand or with a washing machine.