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Hamilton County Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency Announces Cooling Centers to Keep Cool During Extreme Heat

Hamilton County, OH – The National Weather Service in Wilmington has issued an Excessive Heat Watch for our region today, June 14 through Wednesday, June 15 with dangerously hot conditions and heat index values up to 109.

The expected hot weather will make heat related illnesses a very real and dangerous threat especially for those living in homes without air-conditioning. Hamilton County residents are advised to avoid poorly ventilated areas and prolonged work in the sun. Check frequently on relatives and neighbors that are elderly or chronically ill. Don't forget to check on your pets as well.

If you do not have air-conditioning or have lost power, find an air-conditioned environment to give your body a break from the heat. Consider visiting a restaurant, shopping mall, community center, or a local library. The following places are welcoming those who would like a place to cool down.

The **Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County** is open during normal business hours. Some branches have experienced power outages due to the storms last night, so residents are asked to please call the library's main number, **(513) 369-6900**, to verify if their local branch is open.

Cincinnati Recreation Centers are open during normal business hours. Please call **(513) 352-4000** or visit <https://www.cincinnati-oh.gov/recreation/facilities1/recreation-centers/> for more information.

YMCA of Greater Cincinnati is open during normal business hours free for members and nonmembers. Please call **(513) 362-9622** or visit their site: <https://myy.org/> for more information.

A complete list of cooling locations that will be updated throughout the day can be found at www.hcready.org. If you have questions about pets, call ahead to the location you plan to visit to inquire about their policy. We also encourage residents to sign up for Alert Hamilton County and Smart911 by visiting www.alerthc.org.

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