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Rock County Prepares: High Temperatures and Heat Indices Cooling Centers Announced

For Immediate Release

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The National Weather Service is forecasting a significantly warm and humid week ahead for Wisconsin. The heat index is expected to rise into the 90s and could possibly rise above 100 degrees on Thursday and Friday.

With the dangers posed by the forecasted temperatures and heat indices, the Rock County Sheriff's Office and the Department of Public Health urge citizens to take extra precautions this week against the heat. Heat is one of the leading causes of weather-related deaths in Wisconsin. Those most at risk are children, older adults and those living with chronic physical or mental health conditions.

Heat Exhaustion & Heat Stroke

General heat exhaustion symptoms include fainting, rash, fatigue and nausea. Skin can become clammy and moist, or hot and dry. Heat stroke can come on rapidly and may progress to life-threatening illness within minutes. If heat-related symptoms appear, action should be taken immediately to reduce body temperature. This includes taking a cool shower, bath or sponge bath. Wearing wet clothing also has a cooling effect.

Critical Guidelines for Heat Safety

- **Never leave individuals or pets in parked vehicles.** Temperatures become life-threatening within just minutes. 80 degrees outside can become 100 degrees within a vehicle in less than ten minutes, even with a window cracked open.
- **Drink a lot of water!** Avoid excessive amounts of caffeine and alcohol or heavy meals.
- **Wear loose fitting, lightweight, light colored clothing.** Dark colors absorb the sun's rays. Cover your head with a hat and always wear sunscreen outdoors.
- **Take frequent breaks from outdoor activity.** Plan outings early in the morning or in the evening when temperatures are cooler.
- **Check on family, friends and elderly.** They are most vulnerable to heat.
- **Check on your pets more frequently and keep fresh, cold water available at all times.**
- **Keep living areas as cool as possible.** Cover windows to minimize sunlight into the area and utilize basement and ground level floors as they are generally cooler.
- **Utilize the available Cooling Centers** in your area if you do not have access to air condition during the day.

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Protecting Pets and Livestock

- Make sure all pets and livestock have access to cool, clean water and shade.
- If you can, bring pets into areas where there is air conditioning.
- Try to provide plenty of shade for all animals pastured outside.
- Strictly limit exercising your pet to early morning or late evening hours when it is cooler.
- Warning signs of heatstroke in animals include heavy panting, glazed eyes, and excessive thirst. Seek veterinary assistance immediately.

Cooling Centers

Citizens who do not have access to air conditioning in their homes are encouraged to seek out air conditioned facilities such as public buildings, malls, libraries or senior centers, or stay with family or neighbors who have air conditioning. Several cooling centers are welcoming citizens to find relief if needed during their normal business hours.

Organizations and businesses that serve as Cooling Centers serve the community as air-conditioned facilities where citizens can get out of the heat and “cool off”. Citizens are responsible for their own belongings, water and nourishment. Cooling Centers are not over-night shelters. Citizens requiring overnight sheltering should contact local shelters for services.

Businesses and organizations that would like to serve the community as Cooling Centers are encouraged to contact Emergency Management at 608-758-8403. Your service is greatly appreciated!

For more information on heat awareness and safety, please visit <https://www.ready.gov/heat> and <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/climate/weather/heat.htm>.

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SHERIFF

By: Sergeant Kohler #11519

ATTACHMENT: 2019 COOLING CENTERS & SHELTERS IN ROCK COUNTY

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2019 Rock County Cooling Centers

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BELOIT

Location	Hours of Operation		Phone
BELOIT GRINNELL SENIOR CENTER 631 Bluff Street	Monday - Friday	7:30 am - 4:00 pm	608-364-2875
BELOIT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL 1969 West Hart Road	Monday - Sunday Main Lobby	7:00 am - 8:00 pm	
BELOIT PUBLIC LIBRARY 605 Eclipse Blvd.	Monday - Thursday Friday - Saturday	9:30 am - 9:00 pm 9:30 am - 5:30 pm	608-364-2905

Location	Hours of Operation		Phone
SALVATION ARMY 628 Broad Street	Monday - Friday	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	608-362-6755 608-365-6572

CLINTON

Location	Hours of Operation		Phone
CLINTON PUBLIC LIBRARY 214 Mill Street	Monday & Friday Tuesday - Thursday Saturday	8:30 am - 5:00 pm 8:30 am - 7:30 pm 8:30 am - 1:30 pm	608-676-5569
CLINTON SENIOR CENTER 508 Front Street	Monday - Friday	10:00 am - 2:30 pm	608-676-4600

EDGERTON

Location	Hours of Operation		Phone
EDGERTON HOSPITAL & HEALTH SERVICES 11101 North Sherman Road	Monday - Sunday ER Lobby	7:00 am - 8:00 pm	
EDGERTON PUBLIC LIBRARY 101 Albion St.	Monday - Thursday Friday Saturday	9:00 am - 8:00 pm 9:00 am - 5:00 pm 9:00 am - 3:00 pm	608-884-4511

EVANSVILLE

Location	Hours of Operation		Phone
CREEKSIDE PLACE COMMUNITY CTR 102 Maple St.	Monday - Thursday Friday	8:00 am - 3:00 pm 8:00 am - 12:00 pm	608-882-0407
EAGER FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY 39 W. Main St.	Monday - Thursday Friday Saturday	9:30 am - 7:00 pm 9:30 am - 6:00 pm 9:30 am - 1:00 pm	608-882-2260

JANESVILLE

Location	Hours of Operation		Phone
BLACKHAWK TECHNICAL COLLEGE 6004 South County Highway G	Monday - Thursday Friday Saturday	7:00 am - 10:00 pm 7:00 am - 5:00 pm 7:00 am - 4:00 pm	608-758-6900
Location	Hours of Operation		Phone
GIFTS MENS RESOURCE CENTER 1025 North Washington Street	Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 5:00 pm	608-728-4941
Location	Hours of Operation		Phone
HEDBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY 316 S. Main Street	Monday - Thursday Friday - Saturday Sunday	9:00 am - 9:00 pm 9:00 am - 5:00 pm 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	608-758-6580
Location	Hours of Operation		Phone
JANESVILLE MALL 2500 Milton Avenue	Monday - Saturday Sunday	10:00 am - 9:00 pm 11:00 am - 6:00 pm	608-752-7845
Location	Hours of Operation		Phone
JANESVILLE SENIOR CENTER 69 South Water Street	Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 4:30 pm	608-755-3040
Location	Hours of Operation		Phone
MERCY HEALTH SYSTEM - HOSPITAL 1000 Mineral Point Avenue	Monday - Sunday ED Waiting Room	7:00 am - 8:00 pm 8:00 pm - 7:00 am	608-756-6000
Location	Hours of Operation		Phone
ST MARY'S HOSPITAL - SSM HEALTH 3400 E. Racine Street	Monday - Sunday Main Lobby	7:00 am - 8:00 pm	608-373-8000
Location	Hours of Operation		Phone
THE SALVATION ARMY 514 Sutherland Avenue	Monday - Friday	9:00 am - 4:00 pm	608-757-8300

MILTON

Location	Hours of Operation		Phone
THE GATHERING PLACE 715 Campus Street	Monday - Friday	8:00 am - 4:00 pm	608-868-3500
Location	Hours of Operation		Phone
MILTON PUBLIC LIBRARY 430 E. High St., #100	Monday -Wednesday Thursday - Friday Saturday Sunday	10:00 am - 8:00 pm 10:00 am - 5:00 pm 10:00 am - 4:00 pm 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	608-868-7462

ORFORDVILLE

Location	Hours of Operation		Phone
ORFORDVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY 519 E. Beloit Street	Monday - Thursday Friday Saturday	11:00 am - 7:00 pm 11:00 am - 5:00 pm 9:00 am - 12:00 pm	608-879-9229
Location	Hours of Operation		Phone
ORFORDVILLE VILLAGE HALL 303 E. Beloit Street	Monday - Friday	7:00 am - 5:00 pm	608-879-2004

BRODHEAD			
Location	Hours of Operation		Phone
BRODHEAD PUBLIC LIBRARY 1207 25th Street	Monday - Thursday	9:00 am - 7:00 pm	608-897-4070
	Friday	9:00 am - 7:00 pm	
	Saturday	9:00 am - 1:00 pm	

Location	Hours of Operation		Phone
BRODHEAD CITY HALL 1111 W. 2nd Avenue	Monday - Friday	08:00 am - 4:30 pm	608-897-4018

Location	Hours of Operation		Phone
BRODHEAD POLICE DEPARTMENT 1004 W. Exchange Street	Monday-Sunday	24 Hours - Lobby	608-897-2112

2019 Rock County Overnight Shelters

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BELOIT

Location	Hours of Operation		Phone
THE SPARROWS NEST 1816 Harrison Avenue	Monday - Sunday	After 5:00 pm only	608-362-8215

JANESVILLE

Location	Hours of Operation		Phone
GIFTS MENS SHELTER 1025 N. Washington Street	Monday - Sunday	Intake by Appt	608-728-4941
		Call to Register	

Location	Hours of Operation		Phone
HOUSE OF MERCY 320 Lincoln Street	Monday - Sunday	Register by 6:00 pm	608-754-0045

Women, children and families only

**AMERICAN RED CROSS - EMERGENCY SERVICES CONTACT:
Phone: (877) 618-6628**

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