



The California Department of Public Health was notified by the California State Warning Center of an Excessive Heat Emergency in California beginning later today and lasting through Monday (September 7, 2020). Health care facilities must have contingency plans in place to deal with the loss of air conditioning, or in the case when no air conditioning is available, take measures to ensure patients and residents are free of adverse conditions that may cause heat-related health complications. Local Health Departments are asked to monitor the heat situation, take appropriate actions and protect vulnerable populations. Please see additional details and resources below.

An All Facilities Letter with additional details was sent out in the beginning of the season and can be found at the link below:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CHCQ/LCP/Pages/AFL-20-54.aspx>

Heat advisories for your area can be found at the link below:

www.weather.gov

The Excessive Heat Warning can be found at the link below:

http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/total_forecast/getprod.php?print=yes&wfo=sto&pil=NPW&sid=STO&parse=CAZ016,CAZ066

Exposure to extreme heat can cause a variety of health problems, including heat stroke and death. Cooling Centers (a cool site or air-conditioned facility designed to provide relief and protection during extreme heat) are used by many communities to protect health during heat events. This document provides guidance to support a safe, clean environment for members of the public and workers at facilities operated as Cooling Centers and can be found at the link below:

<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/COVID-19/GuidanceforCoolingCenters.aspx>