

## **OWS Agency Actions During Excessive Heat Advisory/Warning**

- **Health Department:**
  - ⇒ St. Louis City – Valda Croskey (314-612-5309)
  - ⇒ St. Louis County – Dr. H. Douglas Adams (314-615-1601)
  - ⇒ St. Charles County – Gil Copley (636-949-7400 x7477)
  - ⇒ Jefferson County – Dennis Diehl (636-789-3372 x104)
  - Begin surveillance of illness and death due to severe hot weather
  - Continue surveillance for 24/48 hrs. after cancellation of Advisory/Warning
- **St. Charles County Department of Community Health & the Environment**
  - ⇒ Gil Copley (636-949-7400 x7477)
  - Notify Northeast Community Action Corporation (NECAC)
- **Northeast Community Action Corporation (NECAC)** (St. Charles, Lincoln & Warren Counties)
  - ⇒ Heather Hagen (636-723-3470)
  - Contact all non-MEAAA or TSA Cooling Sites & Notify United Way of any sites which will NOT be open
- **Mid-East Area Agency on Aging (MEAAA)** (St. Louis County, St. Charles, Franklin & Jefferson County)
  - ⇒ Lisa Beatty (636-207-0847)
  - Contact all MEAAA Cooling Sites & Notify United Way of any sites which will NOT be open
  - Alert Senior Transportation Services
- **St. Louis Area Agency on Aging (SLAAA)** (St. Louis City)
  - ⇒ Anneliese Stoever (314-612-5917)
  - Contact all SLAAA Cooling Sites & Notify United Way of any sites which will NOT be open
  - Alert City Senior Transportation Services
  - Provide water and ice to SLAAA Cooling Sites, if needed
- **County Older Residents Program (CORP)**
  - ⇒ Ellen Sherman (314-615-4559)
  - Provide seniors with telephone reassurance program in St. Louis County
- **The Salvation Army (TSA)** (St. Louis City, St. Louis County, St. Charles & Jefferson County and Illinois St. Clair & Madison County)
  - ⇒ Gary Busiek (314-646-3154)
  - Contact Salvation Army Cooling Sites & Notify United Way of any sites which will NOT be open
  - Provide water and ice to Salvation Army Cooling Sites, if needed
  - Be available to provide “Canteen” services for water to other Cooling Sites, if needed
- **United Way of Greater St. Louis (UW)**
  - ⇒ Debbie Fagin (314-539-4089)
  - Broadcast E-Mail to ALL OWS Members & Alert UW Information & Referral Specialists
  - Contact all other Cooling Sites (NOT with MEAAA; SLAAA or Salvation Army)
  - Follow-up with MEAAA; SLAAA and TSA for sites NOT open
  - Update “Cooling Site” information & post to UW Web Page
  - Request additional allocation for the purchase & installation of air conditioners, if needed
- **The American Red Cross (ARC)**
  - ⇒ Becky White (314-516-2700 – 24 hr. line)
  - Deliver fluids (cold water and cups) to OWS Cooling Sites, if requested
- **Media Response (Other partners may be referred to, as appropriate)**
  - ⇒ Jim Kramper – National Weather Service (1-636-447-1876)
  - ⇒ John Vincenzo – Home Services Inc. (314-531-9779 x15)
  - ⇒ Debbie Fagin – United Way of Greater St. Louis (314-539-4089)

# Operation Weather Survival Excessive Heat Warning System

The National Weather Service will issue an Excessive Heat Advisory or Warning. Health emergencies will be declared only by the appropriate local/state government entity.

## Stages of Excessive Heat Advisory

### Stage 1: Excessive Heat Advisory

Issued when the Heat Index (HI) is expected to reach a minimum of 105 for at least 3 hours with a minimum temperature at night in the middle 70s or higher

This Advisory and monitoring will be discontinued when the City Heat Index falls below 105 for 24 continuous hours and the National Weather Service predicts that there is a low probability that severe conditions will return in the foreseeable future.

### Stage 2: Excessive Heat Warning

Issued when the HI is expected to reach a minimum of 115 for at least 3 hours, or is expected to reach 105 or higher for 3 consecutive days, with a minimum temperature at night in the middle 70s or higher. The Heat Warning can be issued at any time; whenever the forecaster has confidence the parameters will be met.

A WARNING will be downgraded or canceled when the City HI falls below 105 for 48 continuous hrs & the forecast is at least 48 hrs of continued relief.

### Stage 3: Excessive Heat Health EMERGENCY

The Department of Health will recommend to the Mayor and County Executive that an Excessive Heat Health EMERGENCY be declared when:

1) A sustained heat wave with heat indexes of 105 or higher for greater than 48 hrs is predicted by the National Weather Service, and

2) Significant increased levels of heat related illness and death are being reported, and

3) Government and OWS agencies are reporting as being overwhelmed with requests and are asking for additional help.

The Department of Health will recommend to the Mayor/County Executive that the EMERGENCY be canceled when the City HI falls below 105 for 48 hours and the National Weather Service predicts that there is a low probability that severe conditions will return in the foreseeable future.

## OWS Agency Responsibilities

1. Each agency will take the responsibility to monitor the National Weather Service's (NWS) forecast to learn of Excessive heat Advisories/Warnings. This will eliminate the need for a "call tree" process. The NWS representative to OWS will keep OWS members aware of possible advisories/warnings through e-mails or telephone calls whenever possible.
2. Each OWS agency has documented certain actions that will take place upon the Excessive Heat Advisory/Warning announcements. See the back of this page for a list of those actions.

## OWS Air Conditioner Program

1. Ameren provides funding for the purchase of Air Conditioners for the "OWS AC Program for the Medically Needy". (loaned AC units, installed & maintained by OWS partner – Home Services)
2. Home Services will maintain these AC units and facilitate installation in St. Louis City.
3. In St. Louis City: Human Development Corporation and St. Louis Area Agency on Aging will process AC applications and forward approvals to Home Services.
4. In St. Charles County: Northeast Community Action Agency (NECAC) will process AC applications & contact partner (Vatterott College) for installation.
5. In Jefferson County: Health Department will process AC applications & contact partner (Jefferson College) for installation.