

Media release

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Cooling Centers Open - Excessive Heat Event

Due to the soaring temperatures and heat indices above 105°F, the City of Dubuque is advising citizens to take precautionary measures to prevent heat-related illness.

Precautions you can take to avoid heat-related illness include:

- Stay out of the sun (sunburn makes the job of heat dissipation more difficult);
- Spend as much time as possible in air conditioning. If you do not have an air conditioner, go to an air-conditioned public building or designated cooling center;
- Slow down (reduce, eliminate, or reschedule physical activities for a cooler time of the day);
- Drink plenty of water, even if you do not feel thirsty. Do not drink any alcohol, including beer;
- Dress in lightweight and light colored clothes. This will reflect the sunlight and heat;
- Eat smaller meals and less proteins;
- Do not take salt tablets unless specified by a physician;
- Avoid strenuous activity; and
- Never leave anyone, including pets, in a parked vehicle for any amount of time.
- Also, it's important to check on your neighbors, relatives and friends, and in particular the elderly.

Public Cooling Centers have been established at the following locations:

- Comiskey Park Building, 255 E. 24th Street - 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- Prescott Neighborhood Resource Center, 1151 White Street - 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- The Centers will be open until further notice as the excessive temperatures are monitored.

For further excessive heat information and resources, phone 211 for the most current information and resources.