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Extreme Heat Warning for Columbus/Franklin County

Columbus, OH — Temperatures are expected to exceed 90 degrees, with some days reaching over 95 degrees this week in Columbus/Franklin County.

In response to the dangerous heat, the following actions are being taken to ensure the safety and well-being of our community:

- **Cooling Stations**: All Columbus Parks & Recreation Community Centers serve as cooling stations during their regular operating hours.
- **Extended Cooling Center Hours**: Five community centers will operate as regional Cooling Centers beginning Wednesday 6/19 from 9 am to 9 pm:
  - Dodge Community Center, 667 Sullivant Ave., Columbus OH 43215
  - Driving Park Community Center, 1100 Rhoads Ave., Columbus OH 43206
  - Glenwood Community Center, 1888 Fairmont Ave., Columbus OH 43223
  - Linden Community Center, 1350 Briarwood Ave., Columbus OH 43211
  - Marion Franklin Community Center, 2801 Lockbourne Rd., Columbus OH 43207
- **Public Library Support**: Columbus Public Library invites everyone to use all 23 air conditioned library locations. Hours will be extended at Main Library, Driving Park, Hilltop and Northern Lights branches on Friday 6/21, and Saturday 6/22 until 8 pm. These four locations will also be open as cooling centers from 12-8 pm on Wednesday, June 19 when other branches will be closed in observance of the Juneteenth holiday.
- **Emergency Shelters**: All emergency shelters are welcoming clients to remain inside during these dangerous weather conditions.
- **Street Outreach**: Outreach teams are actively engaging with individuals experiencing unsheltered homelessness, providing them with information, supplies, and assistance with accessing resources.

We urge all residents to stay hydrated, limit time outdoors, and seek cool spaces. Information here about cooling centers: [https://www.csb.org/about-us/contact-us](https://www.csb.org/about-us/contact-us)

ABOUT COMMUNITY SHELTER BOARD
Community Shelter Board leads a coordinated, community effort to make sure everyone has a place to call home in Columbus and Franklin County, Ohio. As the system leader for the prevention and response to homelessness in central Ohio, CSB collaborates with service provider organizations in Franklin County, creating a responsive network to ensure an effective and readyed use of community resources for people experiencing homelessness. Over the past 10 years, CSB’s system of care has housed more than 35,000 men, women, and children facing homelessness.

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