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MEDIA RELEASE Protect Yourself in Severe Heat!

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Temperatures are predicted to be dangerously hot with heat indices approaching 100° this Wednesday and Thursday! With these high temperatures, people need to take heat-specific precautions to protect themselves and their neighbors. These precautions include:

- Pay close attention to your physical condition and actions.
- Monitor food and water intake. Avoid heavy, fatty meals and snacks.
- Be aware of the amount and intensity of your physical activity, both indoors and out. Monitoring work / rest cycles can greatly reduce the potential heat related illness.
- Hydrate with water! Drinks with caffeine, sugar and alcohol take longer for your body to absorb and don't hydrate as well as drinks without these substances.
- Wear light colored, breathable clothing, hats and sunscreen.
- Check to ensure your air conditioner is working before it gets too hot.
- Remember If you are thirsty, your pet is thirsty. Keep pets in cool places indoors.

Everybody has different thresholds for tolerating heat. Regularly check on co-workers, loved ones, and neighbors either face-to-face or via telephone. Your neighbors and co-workers are your best safety net against the heat!

If you need to a cool place to stay, public places such as local senior centers, malls and libraries are not only convenient but also provide entertainment as well. Several local options include:

Belleville -

Library – 130 S. Vine St.– (608) 424-1812

Black Earth -

Library - 1210 Mills St.- (608) 767-4905

Deerfield -

Library - 12 W. Nelson St.- (608) 764-8102

DeForest -

Senior Center - 505 North Main Street - (608) 846-9469 Library - 203 Library St. - (608) 846-5482

Fitchburg -

Senior Center – 5510 Lacy Rd. – (608) 270-4290 Library – 5530 Lacy Rd. – (608) 729-1760

Madison -

See the City's website to find libraries and community centers near you (http://www.cityofmadison.com/).

Marshall -

Library – 605 Waterloo Road– (608) 655-3123

Mazomanie -

Library - 102 Broadhead St. - (608) 795-2104

McFarland -

Library – 5920 Milwaukee St. – (608) 838-9030

Middleton -

Senior Center – 7448 Hubbard Avenue – (608) 831-2373 Library – 7425 Hubbard Avenue – (608) 831-5564

Monona -

Senior Center – 1011 Nichols Rd. (lower level) Library – 1000 Nichols Rd. – (608) 222-6127

Mt. Horeb -

Senior Center – (608) 437-6902 Library – 105 Perimeter Road – (608) 437-5021

Oregon -

Senior Center – 219 Park St. – (608) 835-5801 Library – 256 Brook St. – (608) 835-3656

Stoughton -

Senior Center – 248 W. Main St. – (608) 873-8585 Library – 304 S. 4th St. – (608) 873-6281

Sun Prairie -

Library - 1350 Linnerud Dr. - (608) 825-7323

Verona -

Senior Center – 108 Paoli St. – (608) 845-7471 Library – 500 Silent St. – (608) 845-7180

Waunakee -

Senior Center – 333 S. Madison St. – (608) 849-8385 Library – 710 South St. – (608) 849-4217