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**Cooling Centers Open Amidst Intensifying Heat Throughout Santa Clara County**

*Community members are encouraged to take precautions now to protect themselves and their loved ones from soaring temperatures*

**SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIF.** – In anticipation of rising temperatures, cooling centers have opened across Santa Clara County to offer respite for community members beginning today, June 29 to Sunday, July 2, with extended availability as the heat persists.

The National Weather Service (NWS) has issued a Heat Advisory for the entire Bay Area from Friday, June 30 through Sunday, July 2. Inland areas are bracing for temperatures soaring into the 90s and even reaching the triple digits, which can lead to heat exhaustion and heat stroke. The most vulnerable are outdoor workers, individuals without air conditioning, young children, the elderly, those with chronic health conditions, and unhoused community members.

County libraries are operating as cooling centers to provide a safe, air-conditioned space for community members seeking relief from the heat. In addition, numerous dedicated cooling centers are open across Santa Clara County, ensuring that help is readily available in various locations.

The County of Santa Clara Office of Supportive Housing is working with service providers and outreach workers to make extra visits to encampments to distribute water and provide information for services.

"Our top priority is the well-being and safety of our community members. We strongly encourage everyone to use the County Libraries and other cooling centers during these sweltering conditions," said Kathryn Kaminski, Deputy Director of the Office of Supportive Housing. "Our dedicated outreach teams are actively working to make sure our unhoused communities receive the necessary resources to get relief from the heat.”

For your nearest cooling center, please visit [www.preparescc.org/heatsafety](http://www.preparescc.org/heatsafety). San José community centers and libraries are also open during regular business hours for residents to stay cool. Visit [bit.ly/sjcommunitycenters](http://www.bit.ly/sjcommunitycenters) for a list of community centers and [www.sjpl.org/locations](http://www.sjpl.org/locations) for a list of libraries.

**Camden Community Center**

3369 Union Ave.

San José, CA 95124

Friday, June 30 – Saturday, July 1 from 1 – 9 p.m.

**Campbell Community Center**

Mary Campbell Room Q-84

1 W Campbell Ave

Campbell, CA 95008

Friday, June 30 from 3:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, July 1 from 11 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, July 2 from 11 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.

**Central Park Library**

2635 Homestead Rd.

Santa Clara, CA 95051

Friday, June 30 – Saturday, July 1 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

**College Terrace Library**

2300 Wellesley St.

Palo Alto, CA 94306

Thursday, June 29 - Saturday, July 1 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Community Recreation Center**

969 Kiely Blvd.

Santa Clara, CA 95051

Friday, June 30 from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday, July 1 from 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**Cupertino Library**

10800 Torre Ave.

Cupertino, CA 95014

Friday, June 30 from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Saturday, July 1 – Sunday, July 2 from 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

**Downtown library**

270 Forest Ave.

Palo Alto, CA 94301

Thursday, June 29 – Saturday, July 1 from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

**Emma Prusch Farm Park**

647 S King Rd.

San José, CA 95116

Friday, June 30 – Saturday, July 1 from 1 – 9 p.m.

**Gilroy Library**

350 W. 6th St.

Gilroy, CA 95020

Friday, June 30 – Saturday, July 1 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, July 2 from 1 – 5 p.m.

**Los Altos Library**

13 S. San Antonio Rd.

Los Altos, CA 94022

Friday, June 30 – Sunday, July 2 from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

**Los Gatos Library**

100 Villa Ave.

Los Gatos, CA 95030

Thursday, June 29 – Monday, July 3 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Milpitas Library**

160 N. Main St.

Milpitas, CA 95035

Friday, June 30 – Sunday, July 2 from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.

**Mitchell Park Library**

2700 Middlefield Rd.

Palo Alto, CA 94303

Thursday, June 29 from 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Friday, June 30 - Saturday, July 1 from noon – 6 p.m.

**Morgan Hill Library**

660 W. Main Ave.

Morgan Hill, CA 95037

Friday, June 30 – Saturday, July 1 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Sunday, July 2 from 1 – 5 p.m.

**Mountain View Community Center Lobby**

201 S. Rengstorff Ave.

Mountain View, CA 94040

Saturday, July 1 from noon - 7 p.m.

**Mountain View Public Library**

585 Franklin St.

Mountain View, CA 94041

Saturday, July 1 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**Northside Library**

695 Moreland Way

Santa Clara, CA 95054

Friday, June 30 - Saturday, July 1 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

**Police Services Fire Administration Building Lobby**

1000 Villa St.

Mountain View, CA 94041

Saturday, July 1 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**Rinconada Library**

1213 Newell Rd.

Palo Alto, CA 94303

Thursday, June 29 from noon – 8 p.m.

Friday, June 30 – Sunday, July 2 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Roosevelt Community Center**

901 E. Santa Clara St.

San José, CA 95116

Friday, June 30 – Saturday, July 1 from 1 – 9 p.m.

**Saratoga Library**

13650 Saratoga Ave.

Saratoga, CA 95070

Friday, June 30 – Sunday, July 2 from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

**Senior Center**

1303 Fremont St.

Santa Clara, CA 95050

Friday, June 30 from 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.

**Woodland Library**

1975 Grant Rd.

Los Altos, CA 94024

Friday, June 30 – Sunday, July 2 from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Santa Clara County community members are encouraged to check in frequently with older adults and those with chronic conditions who are especially vulnerable to the heat, including family, friends, and neighbors. If you see someone who may be experiencing distress due to the heat, please call 911. All residents are encouraged to take heat safety measures including the following:

* Drink plenty of water and beverages containing electrolytes even if you do not feel thirsty. Avoid alcohol, caffeine, or lots of sugar because they can speed up fluid loss.
* Limit physical activity during peak heat hours of 10 a.m.to 3 p.m.
* Never leave people or pets in a closed, parked car.
* Cool off by taking a bath or shower.
* Wear light weight, light colored, and loose-fitting clothing to help you keep cool.
* Do not bundle babies or put them in heavy clothing.
* Wear a wide-brimmed, vented hat or use an umbrella when outdoors.
* Wear sunglasses and sunscreen.
* Rest often and find shady places to cool down when outdoors.
* Check on family, friends, or neighbors.
* People taking medications should take extra precautions to stay out of the heat. Drugs such as stimulants can increase body core temperature and may predispose individuals to hyperthermia.

For additional information (in English, Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese), please visit [www.preparescc.org/heatsafety](http://www.preparescc.org/heatsafety).

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**About the County of Santa Clara’s Joint Information Center**

The County of Santa Clara’s Joint Information Center provides coordinated public information during emergencies and disasters. We partner with our local jurisdictions to provide critical information to the public that encourages life safety actions. The Joint Information Center is staffed by county public information officers who support the twenty emergency support functions defined in the county’s emergency operations plan.