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STAY COOL IN KINGS COUNTY

Hanford, CA – High Temperatures of 100-107 degrees are expected this weekend in Kings County, which can be dangerous for those who are heat sensitive and those without effective cooling and/or adequate hydration. The County would like to remind the community of our Cool Zone Program and emphasize some precautions necessary in extreme heat.

The Cool Zone Program establishes cool places and cool centers in case of heat emergencies. The purpose of these cooling zones is to provide members of the public who lack air conditioning at home with relief from the heat, free of charge. The sites of these zones are opened in partnership between the cities of Avenal, Corcoran, Lemoore, Hanford, the County of Kings, and their community partners.

Cooling zones in Kings County are categorized according to two types. “Cooling Places” are locations that agency or business partners share for members of the public to visit during their regular business hours. “Cooling Centers” are opened on an as needed basis by an emergency trigger of weather conditions. The criteria for the opening of the “centers” is two consecutive days over 105 degrees Fahrenheit wherein the temperature does not drop below 80 degrees at night. This weekend we will not meet the criteria to open the centers, however we are sharing their information for pre-planning efforts in case we have a need to open them in the coming months. Cooling places will however, be available for those that need them.

You can call 211 or search on 211kingscounty.org under the housing section for a list of participating locations in the Cool Zone Program. Additionally, the full list of anticipated locations will be at the end of this document. Kings Area Rural Transit may be available to assist with a ride to a designated location, with a 24-hour notice (except Sundays). Specific route times will be designated per event based on demand. Call (559) 584-0101 for additional information.

The County also reminds all members of the public to take the following extra precautions during periods of extreme heat in the Central Valley:

- Avoid the sun and stay indoors from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. when the burning rays are strongest.
- Drink plenty of fluids (at least three to four quarts a day) and don't rely on thirst to tell you when to drink.
- Replace salt and minerals. Sweating removes salt and minerals from your body, so replenish these nutrients with low sugar fruit juices or sports drinks during exercise or when working outside.
- Avoid alcohol.
- Pace yourself and reduce physical activity. Avoid exercising outdoors during peak heat hours.
- Wear appropriate clothing. Wear a wide-brimmed hat and light-colored lightweight, loose-fitting clothes when you are outdoors.
- Stay cool indoors during peak hours and set your air conditioner between 75° to 80°. If you don't have air conditioning, take a cool shower twice a day.

- Monitor those at high risk and check on elderly neighbors, family members and friends who do not have air conditioning. People at the highest risk of heat-related illnesses are infants and children up to 4 years old, people who overexert during work (e.g. construction workers) and people 65 years and older.
- Use sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of at least 15 if you need to be in the sun.
- Keep pets indoors since the heat also affects your pets. If they will be outside, make sure they have plenty of water and a shaded area to help them keep cool.

For more information, please visit www.countyofkings.com/oes. If you are a business or public agency prepared to open your site as a “cooling place” in Kings County, please reach out to the Kings County Office of Emergency Services at (559) 852-2883.

A list of cooling locations for when the centers do open, is continued on next page of this document. Again, the cooling centers will not open this weekend however, they will once the criteria for opening the centers occurs as referenced above.

**KINGS COUNTY COOL ZONE PROGRAM
LOCATIONS 2022**

COOLING PLACES – Agencies and businesses in Kings County that open to the public **during regular business hours**. Participating businesses in Kings County include the list below. Please call ahead before your visit to the sites to confirm availability of space and operating hours.

LOCATION	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
Armona Branch Library	233 E. Kings Street	559-583-5005
Armona Senior Center	10953 14th Avenue	559-852-4615
Avenal Police Department	317 Alpine Street	559-386-4444
Corcoran Branch Library	1001-A Chittenden Ave	559-992-3314
Corcoran Depot	1099 Otis Avenue	559-992-2177
Recreation Association of Corcoran	900 Dairy Avenue	559-992-5171
Hanford Branch Library	401 N. Douty Street	559-582-0261
Hanford Kings Gospel Mission	801 West 7th Street	559 415-6700
Lemoore Branch Library	457 C Street	559-924-2188
Stratford Branch Library	20300 Main Street	559-947-3003

COOLING CENTERS – facilities administered by each city in response to the National Weather Service forecast predicting **temperatures at 105 degrees Fahrenheit or higher for two consecutive days and with a temperature that does not drop below 80 degrees Fahrenheit at night**. Activation of centers and hours of operation are determined by each city and may vary depending on its weather forecast. Please contact in advance to determine hours of operation.

CITY	FACILITY NAME	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER
City of Avenal	Avenal Theater	233 E. Kings Street	559-386-5766
City of Hanford	Longfield Center	560 S. Douty Street	559-585-2525
City of Lemoore	Recreation Center	721 W. Cinnamon Dr.	559-924-6767
City of Corcoran	Recreation Center	900 Dairy Avenue.	559-992-5171

**If you need transportation to a cooling center during activation, KART may be able to assist with a ride to a designated location, with a 24 hour notice (except Sundays). Specific route times will be designated per event based on demand. Call (559) 584-0101 for additional information.*

This list gets updated regularly. For the most current list please find it online at:
www.countyofkings.com/oes