

Northwest Regional Healthcare Coalition Spotlight July, 2019



Summer is ramping up and temperatures across the country are steadily rising. Along with hurricanes and floods, emergency preparedness planning must consider and plan for extreme heat.

The Northwest Regional Healthcare Coalition (NWRHCC) has selected the Extreme Heat Tools for the *July Spotlight*. FEMA has a collection of tools and materials available for public use to help individuals and facilities educate and raise awareness.

The [Extreme Heat Toolkit](#) includes FAQ's, graphics and outreach materials, advisory links; and safety tips.

A heat wave is a prolonged period of excessive heat, generally 10 degrees or more above average, often combined with excessive humidity. These events can be deadly for anyone, but even more susceptible are the medically vulnerable populations. There are steps, tips and toolkits to help families and facilities be ready for the heat.

Resources:

<https://www.ready.gov/heat-toolkit>

<https://www.weather.gov/safety/heat>

<https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/index.html>

<https://www1.nyc.gov/assets/doh/downloads/pdf/ehs/provider-heat-checklists.pdf>

<https://www.nesdis.noaa.gov/content/noaa-releases-new-tool-help-prepare-and-protect-vulnerable-populations-extreme-heat>

<https://empowermap.hhs.gov/>

<https://maps.esri.com/jg/HeatVulnerability/index.html>

<https://www.epa.gov/heat-islands/excessive-heat-events-guidebook>

