

Preparedness Advisory

HEALTHCARE EMERGENCY COORDINATION CENTER (HECC)

DATE: 07/19/2022

TIME: 1400hrs.

Distributed to: Healthcare, Public Health, Emergency Management, State, Federal, Disaster Clinical Advisory Committees (Central, NW, West) and Acute Infectious Disease Advisory Group, and Sovereign Tribal partners throughout the W. WA. Coalition service area.

Heat Response

Situation Background:

The National Weather Services (NWS) anticipates another heat event beginning Tuesday, Jul. 26, through Thu., Jul. 28, next week. There are potential impacts with hot temperatures across Western Washington (temps currently unknown). **Attached** are the latest graphics and briefing from NWS, but for future updates on impacts to specific areas, please visit <https://www.weather.gov/sew/briefing>.

Recommended Actions for Healthcare:

NWHRN recommends our healthcare partners view the [Extreme Heat Tip Sheet](#) (**attached**), which provides some mitigation strategies for this type of event including, but not limited to:

- Review HVAC-System/Air Conditioning and other critical system vulnerabilities.
- Review Patient Surge and Facility Emergency Preparedness Plan(s).
- Implement strategies to mitigate extreme heat and support vulnerable populations/employees.
- Communicate risks to patients/residents/families.
- Monitor weather conditions.
- Share findings or challenges with NWHRN or other regional partners, for awareness.

NWHRN Actions:

Our NWHRN Duty Officer remains available for any questions or assistance at hecc@nwhrn.org or calling 425-988-2897.

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