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**Mayor Joe Hogsett urges caution in extreme temperatures**

*Indy Parks' splash pads, family centers available for residents to keep cool*

**INDIANAPOLIS**—Today, Mayor Joe Hogsett joined Indy Parks and the Emergency Management Division of the Metropolitan Emergency Services Agency to encourage additional safety measures ahead of extreme heat.

The National Weather Service has issued an excessive heat warning for today, June 14 starting at 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. tonight. Additionally, there is a heat advisory through 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 15. The Marion County Emergency Management remains in close communication with partner agencies and will continue to monitor the situation closely.

Throughout Indianapolis, residents can access 17 splash pads as well as 10 family centers that act as cooling centers throughout the day. Any Marion County resident can sign up for free pool access, with six pools to choose from. Even while enjoying splash pads or pools, residents are still encouraged to stay hydrated and take breaks from the heat when they can. A full list of cooling centers, splash pads, and pools is attached.

Residents are encouraged to take extra precautions to protect the safety of themselves and those around them by keeping these important safety tips in mind:

- Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water.
- Check on relatives and neighbors, especially the elderly and those without access to air conditioning.
- Avoid strenuous outdoor activities, if you must be outside take frequent breaks in a shaded or air-conditioned area if possible.
- Know the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion or heat stroke and seek medical attention if symptoms occur, call 911 if you need assistance.
- Look before you lock! Pay special attention when locking up vehicles to ensure no children or pets are left inside. Temperatures inside a car can become lethal in a matter of minutes. It is easy to become distracted and forget others are in the vehicle.
- Bring pets indoors and ensure they have plenty of water to drink.
- Perform preventative maintenance on HVAC units such as replacing filters to reduce strain on the units. Also raising the setting on your thermostat, a couple degrees can help reduce strain on the unit and lower power consumption.

Those in need of non-emergency resources or shelter can call Indiana 211 by dialing 2-1-1. Additional heat safety information can be found at the National Weather Service website by clicking on the following link: <https://www.weather.gov/safety/heat>

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