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WAYNE COUNTY OFFICIALS URGE EVERYONE TO PREPARE FOR EXTREME HEAT

LYONS, NY - Anthony Verno, Chairman of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors advises everyone to “prepare for extreme heat this week by drinking plenty of fluids, staying in an air-conditioned room, staying out of the sun, and checking up on relatives and neighbors. The warmest temperatures in 30 years are expected. Very warm temperatures and high humidity will result in dangerous heat conditions.”

The National Weather Service has issued a Heat Advisory until 8 PM Thursday. Tuesday is a major heat risk day where the level of heat affects anyone without effective cooling and/or adequate hydration. Impacts are likely in some health systems, heat-sensitive industries and infrastructure. Wednesday and Thursday are expected to be Extreme Heat Risk Days. This level of rare and/or long-duration extreme heat with little to no overnight relief affects anyone without effective cooling and/or adequate hydration. Impacts likely in most health systems, heat-sensitive industries and infrastructure. You can find more information at

<https://www.wpc.ncep.noaa.gov/heatrisk/>

Cooling Centers in Wayne County have been established through a cooperative effort with the libraries in Wayne County. Addresses, phone numbers and days/hours of operation can be found at

https://apps.health.ny.gov/statistics/environmental/public_health_tracking/tracker/#/CCList

The Wayne County Emergency Management website offers several tips for extreme heat at

<https://waynecountyny.gov/373/Extreme-Heat> There is also good information at

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

Public Health Director Diane Devlin advised that everyone is at risk from the dangers of extreme heat, but pregnant women, newborns, children, the elderly and chronically ill are more vulnerable than most.

Emergency Manager George Bastedo states: “It typically takes two weeks for a person to acclimate to higher temperatures. That is not going to happen for this event. Everyone must take extra precautions for themselves and their relatives and neighbors to keep safe for the next several days. People are encouraged to drink plenty of water, even if not thirsty, wear loose-fitting, light-colored clothing, use air conditioners and stay in the shade and never leave anyone alone in a closed car.”

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