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Marian Manor

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Housing Offices will be closed on Friday, July 4th in observation of Independence Day.

Mary Jo will be on vacation July 21nd—July 25th.

If you need assistance please seek out Mary Jo earlier in the



# **Terms Used During Extreme Heat**

**Heat Index-**The Heat Index is a measure of how hot it really feels when relative humidity is factored in with the actual air temperature. Since heat index values were devised for shady, light wind conditions, exposure to full sunshine can increase heat index values by up to 15°F.

**Heat Advisory-** This is issued within 12 hours of the start of extremely dangerous heat conditions. The National Weather Service will issue a heat advisory for Wisconsin when the daytime heat index values are 100 to 104. A heat advisory will also be issued if heat indices are 95 to 99 for four consecutive days.

**Extreme Heat Watch-** An Extreme Heat Watch is issued when conditions are favorable for an extreme heat event, but its occurrence and timing is still uncertain, though likely in the next 24-72 hours.

**Extreme Heat Warning-** This is issued within 12 hours of the onset of extremely dangerous heat conditions. It will be issued by the National Weather Service when the daytime heat index is 105 or higher during the day and 75 or higher at night for at least a 48-hour period. If heat indices are 100 to 104 for four consecutive days, an extreme heat warning will be issued.

# **How Heat Index Affects You**

The Heat Index is an important consideration for comfort. In extreme heat your body works extra hard to maintain a normal temperature, which can lead to serious illness or death. Heat indices 103°F or greater can lead to dangerous heat disorders with prolonged exposure.

# **Protecting Yourself...**

#### ...Before a Extreme Heat

Do not rely on a fan as your primary cooling device. Fans create air flow, but do not reduce body temperatures or prevent heat-related illnesses

Identify places in your community to get cool, such as libraries, shopping malls, or contact your local health department to find a cooling center in your area.

Cover windows with drapes or shades

# ...During a Extreme Heat

#### Take care of your body.

Drink plenty of water. Make sure you drink before feeling thirsty. By the time you feel thirsty, you are already behind in fluid replacement. When working in the heat, drink one cup (8 ounces) of water every 15-20 minutes.

Limit alcohol consumption. Drinking beer and alcoholic beverages cause further body dehydration. It is not recommended to take salt tablets. In most cases, salt can be replaced by eating normal meals and snacks throughout the day. Do not skip meals.

Cover windows to keep the sun from shining in.

If you have an air conditioner, use it. If you do not have one and the temperature is above 95 °F, you should go to a community cooling center because a fan will no longer prevent heat-related illnesses at this temperature. Pace yourself. Cut down on exercise during the heat. If you are not accustomed to working or exercising in a hot environment, start slowly and pick up the pace gradually. If exertion in the heat

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makes your heart pound and leave you gasping for breath, STOP all activity. Get into a cool area or shade and rest.

Wear sunscreen. Sunburn affects your body's ability to cool down. Put on a sunscreen of SPF 15 or higher 30 minutes before going outside and reapply as the package directs. Consider a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses as well.

#### Consider pet safety.

Keep pets hydrated by providing clean and cool drinking water

Provide shade with good air flow.

Protect their paws. Place the back of your hand on the ground for five seconds. If it's too hot for your skin, it's too hot for your pet's paw pads. Consider walking your pet in the early morning or in the evening when the asphalt has cooled down.

Do not leave them in a car. Even with the windows cracked, the interior temperature can become deadly in minutes.

#### Check on others.

Check on older, sick, or frail people who may need help responding to heat

Don't leave electronic equipment in hot cars

Make sure rooms are well vented if you are using volatile chemicals.

#### **Heat-Related Illnesses**

Heat-related illnesses are preventable. Learn the symptoms and what to do.

#### **Heat Stroke**

#### What to look for:

- High body temperature (103°F or higher)
- Hot, red, dry, or damp skin
- · Fast, strong pulse
- Headache
- Dizziness
- Nausea
- Confusion

Losing consciousness (passing out)

#### What to do:

- Call 911 right away
- Move the person to a cooler place
- Help lower the person's temperature with cool cloths or a cool bath

Do not give the person anything to drink

#### Heat Exhaustion

#### What to look for:

- Heavy Sweating
- Cold, pale, and clammy skin
- Fast, weak pulse
- Nausea or vomiting
- Muscle cramps
- Tiredness or weakness
- Dizziness
- Headaches
- Fainting

# What to do:

- Sip water
- Move to a cool place
- Loosen your clothes

Put cool, wet cloths on your body or take a cool bath

#### **Heat Cramps**

#### What to look for:

 Heavy sweating during intense exercise Muscle pain or spasms

# What to do:

• Drink water or a sports drink

Stop physical activity and move to a cool place

#### Sunburn

#### What to look for:

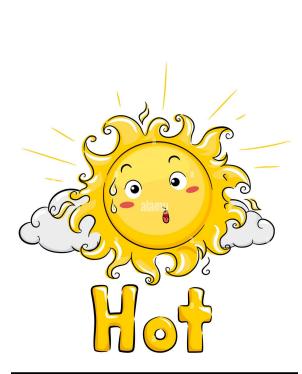
Painful, red, and warm skin

Blisters on skin

# What to do:

- Do not break blisters
- Stay out of sun until sunburn heals
- Put cool cloths on sunburns or take cool bath
- Put moisturizing lotion on sunburned areas







#### **Heat Rash**

#### What to look for:

Red clusters of small blisters that look like pimples (usually on the neck, chest, groin, or in elbow creases)

#### What to do:

- Use powder (like baby powder) to soothe the rash
- Stay in a cool, dry place
- Keep the rash dry

#### Additional Resources

<u>Wisconsin Department of Health Services – Extreme Heat Toolkit</u> National Weather Service Heat Safety Tips

Air Quality resource <a href="https://www.airnow.gov/?city=Oshkosh&state=WI&country=USA">https://www.airnow.gov/?city=Oshkosh&state=WI&country=USA</a>

#### Other Nurses Notes:

# The nurse phone number is 920-424-1450 extension 124.

Nurse hours are Monday thru Friday 8AM to 4PM. We work 6 of the housing authority buildings so please be patient with us. Each of your buildings have a monthly nurse open hour which are on a first come first serve basis. Don't wait for open hour. Call if you need us and we will see you anytime during our usual hours.

Sharps containers – As a reminder, sharps containers as now required to be able to drop them off at Mercy Medical Center so if you are using a detergent bottle, please ask one of the nurse's or your social worker to get you one. Use the sharps container until it is full and turn it in to your social worker or nurse and we will get you a new one. Only put sharps in the container everything else can go in the garbage.

Expired medication or medications you no longer need - do not throw medication in the garbage or down the drain. Use the Drug Drop box at the Oshkosh Police Department. If you are unable to drop them off, you can give them to either your social worker or one of the nurses and we will get them over to the drug drop box.

# HEAT-RELATED ILLNESSES

#### WHAT TO LOOK FOR

#### WHAT TO DO

#### **HEAT STROKE**

- High body temperature (103°F or higher)
- Hot, red, dry, or damp skin
- Fast, strong pulse
- Headache Dizziness
- Nausea
- Confusion
- Losing consciousness (passing out)
- Call 911 right away-heat stroke is a medical emergency
- Move the person to a cooler place
- · Help lower the person's temperature with cool cloths or a cool bath
- Do not give the person anything to drink

#### **HEAT EXHAUSTION**

- Heavy sweating
- · Cold, pale, and clammy skin
- · Fast, weak pulse
- Nausea or vomiting
- Muscle cramps
- Tiredness or weakness

- Fainting (passing out)

- Move to a cool place
- · Loosen your clothes
- · Put cool, wet cloths on your body or take a cool bath
- Sip water

#### Get medical help right away if:

- You are throwing up
- Your symptoms get worse
- Your symptoms last longer than 1 hour

# **HEAT CRAMPS**

- · Heavy sweating during intense
- Muscle pain or spasms

- · Stop physical activity and move to a cool place
- · Drink water or a sports drink
- Wait for cramps to go away before you do any more physical activity

#### Get medical help right away if:

- Cramps last longer than 1 hour
- You're on a low-sodium diet
- You have heart problems

#### **SUNBURN**

- Painful, red, and warm skin
- Blisters on the skin

- Stay out of the sun until your sunburn heals
- Put cool cloths on sunburned areas or take a cool bath
- Put moisturizing lotion on sunburned
- areas
- Do not break blisters

# July 2025

# Marian Manor Staff

# Stacy, Senior Property Manager 424-1450 Ext. 126

Monday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Tuesday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Wednesday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Thursday 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Friday By Appointment Only

# Mary Jo, Social Services Coordinator 424-1450 Ext. 136

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am-4:30 pm Friday 8:00 am- Noon

# Cory, Maintenance

Monday -Thursday 7:00 am-3:30 pm Fridays Off

# Alex, Maintenance

Monday- Friday 8:00 am-4:00 pm

After Hours Maintenance 920-735-3707

# Nurses- 4th Floor Office 424-1450 Ext 124

**Lori,** Monday, Tuesday and alternate Fridays

Erin Wednesday, Thursday & alternate Fridays

Wendy Fromm Executive Director 424-1450 Ext. 111

Office Closed for Lunch Noon—1:00 pm

Sun	Mon	Tue 1	Wed 2 2:00 pm Fire Alarm Testing	Thu 3	Fri 4 Offices Closed	Sat 5
6	7 Strong Bodies 2-3 pm	8 Bug Day Apt. #'s 611 – 620	9	10 Library Books Delivered Strong Bodies 2-3 pm	11	12
13	14 Strong Bodies 2-3 pm	15	16	17 Strong Bodies 2-3 pm	18	19
20	21 Strong Bodies	22	23	24 Strong Bodies	25	26
<	2-3 pm Mary	Jo is off	from Jul	2-3 pm y 21st– J	uly 25th	
27	28	29	30	31		

