



COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	May 30, 2022
SUBJECT:	Extreme Heat Weather Protocol
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
SUBMITTED BY:	Angela Burden General Manager Healthy and Safe Communities Department
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As the City of Hamilton and its residents continue the transition in our collective learning of how to live more safely with COVID-19 and to manage the virus in the long-term, Healthy and Safe Communities Department (Recreation Division and Public Health Services) has reverted back to a more traditional looking version of Hamilton's Extreme HEAT Weather Protocol in response to the Province's lifting of many of its COVID-19 public health protections, such as capacity limits.

The City of Hamilton's Heat Warning and Information System includes seasonal monitoring and two levels of heat response: **Heat Warning** and **Extended Heat Warning**.

- The Medical Officer of Health for the City issues a **Heat Warning** when there are two or more consecutive days forecasted with daytime highs greater than or equal to 31°C and night time lows greater than or equal to 20°C or two or more consecutive days with a humidex of 40°C or greater.
- An **Extended Heat Warning** is triggered when there are three or more consecutive days observed with daytime highs greater than or equal to 31°C and night time lows greater than or equal to 20°C or three or more consecutive days with a humidex of 40°C or greater.

Staff have worked to ensure the plans in place are reflective of the community's needs, especially those most vulnerable to heat-related illness.

Places for residents to cool off

During a Heat Event various City of Hamilton sites are open for residents to go to cool off.

Recreation Centres operating as a cool place, listed below, will be open during posted [customer service hours](#).

- **Ancaster Rotary Centre**, 385 Jerseyville Rd W, Ancaster
- **Bernie Morelli Recreation Centre**, 896 Cannon St E, Hamilton
- **Central Memorial Community Centre**, 93 West Ave S, Hamilton
- **Dominic Agostino Riverdale Community Centre**, 150 Violet Dr, Hamilton
- **Dundas Lions Memorial Community Centre**, 10 Market St S, Dundas
- **Huntington Park Recreation Centre**, 87 Brentwood Dr, Hamilton
- **Norman Pinky Lewis Recreation Centre**, 192 Wentworth St N, Hamilton
- **Ryerson Recreation Centre**, 251 Duke St, Hamilton
- **Sackville Hill Seniors Centre**, 780 Upper Wentworth St, Hamilton
- **Sir Allan MacNab Recreation Centre**, 145 Magnolia Drive, Hamilton
- **Valley Park Community & Aquatic Centre**, 970 Paramount Dr, Stoney Creek
- **Westmount Recreation Centre**, 35 Lynbrook Dr, Hamilton

Hamilton Public Library locations:

- **Central Library**, 55 York Blvd, Hamilton
 - Hours of operation: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- **Regional Branches:**
 - Dundas, Red Hill, Turner Park, Waterdown, Valley Park
 - Hours of operation: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- **Community Branches:**
 - Ancaster, Barton, Kenilworth, Binbrook, Concession, Sherwood, Locke, Parkdale, Saltfleet, Stoney Creek
 - Hours of operation: Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- **Rural Branches (with Extended Access):**
 - Freelon, Greensville, Lynden
 - Hours of operation: Monday to Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m., Friday 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- **Rural Branches (no Extended Access):**
 - Carlisle, Mount Hope
 - Hours of operation: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1:00 p.m. –

6:00 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Saturday
12:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Note: Terryberry and Westdale branches are temporarily closed due to renovations.

City of Hamilton Pools and Spray Pads

During a Heat and Extended Heat Warning, regularly scheduled open swims at all City of Hamilton indoor and outdoor pools will be **free** of charge.

- City of Hamilton [outdoor pools](#) are scheduled to open Thursday, June 30, 2022
- City of Hamilton [wading pools](#) are scheduled to open Monday, July 4, 2022 with the Dundas Driving Park opening Monday, June 27, 2022. The Kinsmen wading pool will not be opening this season.
- City of Hamilton [spray pads](#) opened the weekend of May 21 and 22, 2022, except for Broughton East and Central Park.

During an Extended Heat Warning all wading pools, except for Dundas Driving Park, are closed. Individuals should visit an indoor or outdoor pool or spray pad.

For more information, tips to stay cool and an updated list of places to cool off, please visit www.hamilton.ca/heat.

If you have any questions about the HEAT Response related to the various cooling place locations and amenities, including recreation centres, library branches and City indoor, outdoor and wading pools, and splash pads, please contact Janine Gaunt, Manager, District Recreation Operations, Recreation Division at (905) 546-2424 ext. 2455 or at Janine.Gaunt@hamilton.ca and if you have questions about public health surveillance of extreme heat events, including public notification, please contact Matt Lawson, Program Manager, Healthy Environments Division, Public Health Services at (905) 546-2424 ext. 5823 or at Matthew.Lawson@hamilton.ca.

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OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.