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### IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### Cooling Centers to Open Wednesday - Sunday, July 17-21, 2019

**Monday, July 15, 2019** – Forecasters are anticipating **excessive heat and humidity** for our area on **Wednesday, July 17 through Sunday, July 21**. Because of this week's anticipated high temperatures, the Carroll County Department of Citizen Services and the Carroll County Public Library System will operate cooling centers around the county. Residents who are vulnerable to extreme heat and who do not have air-conditioning in their homes are encouraged to cool off in the following locations until the close of business:

Cooling centers are open during regular business hours Wednesday - Friday at County Senior Centers and the Department of Citizen Services.

- Citizen Services Office Building, 10 Distillery Drive, Westminster (8 AM - 5 PM, Wed. – Fri.)
- Mount Airy Senior and Community Center, 703 Ridge Avenue, Mount Airy (8 AM - 4 PM, Wed. – Fri.)
- North Carroll Senior and Community Center, 2328 Hanover Pike, Hampstead (8 AM - 4 PM, Wed. – Fri.)
- South Carroll Senior and Community Center, 5928 Mineral Hill Road, Eldersburg (8 AM - 4 PM, Wed. – Fri.)
- Taneytown Senior and Community Center, 220 Roberts Mill Road, Taneytown (8 AM - 4 PM, Wed. – Fri.)
- Westminster Senior and Community Center, 125 Stoner Ave., Westminster (8 AM - 4 PM, Wed. – Fri.)

All branches of the Carroll County Public Library System will be open as cooling centers during regular business hours on, Wednesday –Thursday 9:00 AM – 8:45 PM; Friday and Saturday 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

### CARROLL COUNTY

The Americans with Disabilities Act applies to the Carroll County Government and its programs, services, activities, and facilities. Anyone requiring an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or who has a complaint should contact The Department of Citizen Services, 410.386.3600 or 1.888.302.8978, MD Relay 7-1-1/1.800.735.2258, or email [ada@carrollcountymd.gov](mailto:ada@carrollcountymd.gov) as soon as possible but no later than 72 hours before the scheduled event.

- Eldersburg Branch, 6400 Hemlock Drive, Eldersburg - (Open Sunday, Year-Round, 1 PM – 5 PM)
- Finksburg Branch, 2265 Old Westminster Pike, Finksburg
- Mt. Airy Branch, 705 Ridge Avenue, Mt. Airy
- North Carroll Branch, 2255 Hanover Pike, Hampstead
- Taneytown Branch, 10 Grand Drive, Taneytown
- Westminster Branch, 50 East Main Street, Westminster - (Open Sunday, Year-Round, 1 PM – 5 PM)

**Access to air conditioning and water will be available for those who need them at any of the cooling centers.**

Carroll County Emergency Management offers the following safety tips for when temperatures and humidity are high:

- Slow down. Strenuous activities should be reduced or rescheduled to the coolest time of the day.
- Wear loose, lightweight, and light-colored clothing.
- Eat less protein and more fruits and vegetables, and drink plenty of water.
- Stay in air-conditioned buildings or rooms, and limit time outside if possible.
- Additional places you can go to cool down in Carroll County include stores, malls, restaurants, churches, movie theaters, and homes of friends and family.

For additional information, visit the Carroll County Health Department website at:

<https://cchd.maryland.gov/>