



# Montgomery County Code Red Information Guide

## What is Code Red in Montgomery County?

The Department of Public Safety is responsible for recommending Code Red Hot Weather Health Warnings to the County Commissioners based on monitoring of National Weather Service forecasts. A Code Red Hot Weather Health Warning is issued in anticipation of an oppressively hot air mass with a heat index of 100°F or greater. A Code Red is typically called from 12 pm to 8 pm each day. Those especially at risk during extremely hot weather are very young children, the elderly, people with chronic medical conditions, and those taking certain medications.

## When the County Declares a Code Red:

- The Office of Housing and Community Development sends an alert to all Your Way Home providers through email. An alert is also sent publicly through Your Way Home communications channels and social media.
- Your Way Home street outreach teams provide information on cool locations in the county, such as malls, libraries, senior centers, and daytime homeless service program locations.
- Your Way Home street outreach teams and daytime homeless service programs hand out additional bottles of water.

## Helpful Tips

- Drink plenty of non alcoholic, non caffeinated fluids
- Wear lightweight, light colored, loose fitting clothing
- Keep windows and interior doors open when running a fan at home
- Keep cool by seeking an air conditioned building, or shade if an air conditioned building is not available

## How Can You Help?

- Handing out water to someone in need is a welcome gesture.
- If you are worried about someone experiencing homelessness in need of help or care call street outreach at 610-482-5483.

**Scan the Barcode to visit the PA 2-1-1 Resource Guide To Locate  
Cooling Centers In Montgomery County:**

If you are experiencing homelessness  
Dial 2-1-1 | Text Your Zip Code to 898-211  
Dial 9-8-8 for a direct link for suicide prevention and  
crisis support

