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Manchester Township Office of Emergency Management Incident Action Plan (IAP)

Extreme Heat Cooling Shelter Activation

Incident Name: Extreme Heat Cooling Shelter Activation

Operational Period:

- Thursday, July 2, 2026 – 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- Friday, July 3, 2026 – 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Incident Commander: Manchester Township OEM Coordinator

Incident Type: Planned Weather Response – Extreme Heat

I. Situation

The National Weather Service has issued an Extreme Heat Warning for Ocean County, with forecasted daytime temperatures exceeding 100°F and heat index values ranging from 100°F to 110°F. Overnight temperatures are expected to remain in the upper 70s, providing little relief and increasing the risk of heat-related illness.

In accordance with guidance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the National Weather Service (NWS), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Manchester Township is activating a municipal cooling shelter to provide residents with a safe, climate-controlled environment during this prolonged heat event.

Manchester Township has a significant population of older adults and other vulnerable residents who may be at increased risk for heat-related illness. Opening a cooling shelter supports the Township's commitment to protecting public health and safety during extreme weather conditions.

II. Incident Objectives

Provide a safe, air-conditioned facility for residents during the extreme heat event.
Reduce the likelihood of heat-related illnesses and medical emergencies.
Ensure vulnerable populations have access to cooling, hydration, and information.
Coordinate municipal resources to support shelter operations.



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Maintain situational awareness and monitor weather conditions throughout the operational period.

Provide timely public information regarding shelter availability and heat safety.

III. Cooling Shelter Information

Location:

Manchester Township Emergency Services Building – Annex
82 Lacey Road
Whiting, NJ 08759
(Formerly Whiting First Aid Building)

Hours of Operation:

Thursday, July 2, 2026 — 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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IV. Shelter Services

The shelter will provide:

- Air-conditioned environment
- Drinking water
- Seating and rest area
- Restroom access
- Phone charging capability (if available)
- Heat safety information
- Assistance with contacting emergency services if needed

V. Resident Guidance

Residents are encouraged to bring:

- Prescription medications
- Refillable water bottle (water will also be available)
- Light snacks
- Cell phone and charging cable
- Reading materials or other quiet activities
- Personal medical equipment or mobility devices
- Residents should wear lightweight clothing and remain hydrated before, during, and after visiting the shelter.