



Disability Health Committee Newsletter

Philadelphia Department of Public Health

Extreme Heat Resources

- Plan ahead and get FREE heat and weather warnings from the Philadelphia Office of Emergency Management direct to your phone. Text READYPHILA to 888-777 to sign up.
- Call Philadelphia Corporation for Aging (PCA) Heatline at 215-765-9040 (TTY 215-765-9041) for resources from trained nurses. Interpretation is available.
- For more heat-related resources, or to find the nearest cooling center, call 3-1-1 or visit bit.ly/PhillyHeatEmergency.
- For help paying air conditioning bills and other utility assistance, please contact:
 - [BenePhilly](tel:833-373-5868): 833-373-5868
 - [Utility Assistance Emergency Fund](tel:215-972-5170): 215-972-5170

Rec for All at Philly Pools

Here is information on accessible and inclusive swim options at Philly pools this summer. Linked below are flyers (and text versions) for both Sensory Friendly Open Swim as well as locations of accessible pool lifts. Swimmers are encouraged to reach out directly to each pool for hours of operation. At times, pools may be limited use (open swim only in Heat Health Emergencies) or closed due to severe weather.

- [Accessible pool lifts](#)
- [Sensory friendly activities](#)
- Flyers:
 - [Sensory Friendly Open Swim - Text version](#)
 - [Accessible pool lifts - Text version](#)

Disaster Tips

The Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies has published a webpage gathering tips on preparing for and responding to various disasters from a disability perspective, including extreme heat, extreme thunderstorms, tornados, hurricanes, and other general no-cost preparedness tips. More information is available [here](#).

Heat Vulnerability Index (HVI) Map

The Philadelphia Heat Vulnerability Index (HVI) summarizes the key factors associated with the negative health effects of extreme heat events. Search your address in the map to find info on local heat vulnerability, nearby resources to help you during times of extreme heat, and to learn more about how heat vulnerability is distributed throughout Philadelphia. The HVI map is available [here](#).

Medicaid Unwinding Locally

The Pennsylvania Health Law Project (PHLP) has produced a series of videos about recent changes to Medicaid and what you should do to avoid healthcare disruptions. More information is available [here](#).



PDPH Biweekly Preparedness Outreach Newsletter

This newsletter provides community partners with up-to-date information about current response efforts, outreach events, and emerging topics in public health. Past newsletters are available [here](#).

Best,

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