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### COOLING ZONES AVAILABLE STARTING SUNDAY

MERCED – With temperatures expected to top 105 degrees Sunday, several cooling zones will be open to help residents cope with the heat. The following locations will be available beginning Sunday and Monday, June 18 and 19, to be used as cooling zones if needed:

- The City of Livingston’s Cooling Zone will be open from 12 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday and Monday at the Police Department on 1446 C St.
- The City of Los Banos’ Cooling Zone will be open from 12 p.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday and 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday at the Community Center at 645 Seventh St.
- The City of Merced’s Cooling Zone will be open from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday and Monday at the Merced Civic Center on 678 W. 18th St.
- The following County libraries will also be available as Cooling Zones on Monday during normal hours:
  - Delhi, 16881 W Schendel, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
  - Le Grand, 14949 Le Grand Rd, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - Merced, 2100 O St, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Because of the extreme heat, The Bus will provide free rides on the existing fixed-route buses to the nearest Cooling Zone starting on Sunday, June 18. The Bus will take passengers along the fixed route to a designated location near an available Cooling Zone only. The public can also take the fixed route bus back along the route to get home, as service is available. Check the fixed route schedules for exact times of availability. Transfers may be required. If you have a disability that prevents you from using the fixed route bus by yourself, please call (209) 384-3111.

Residents are advised to drink plenty of fluids, dress in lightweight, loose-fitting clothes and keep physical activities to a minimum during the hottest parts of the day. Never leave children, pets or the elderly unattended in a parked vehicle.

Keep in contact with friends and family that may be at higher risk of heat illness, including infants and young children as well as older, sick and frail people. Common symptoms of heat-related conditions include profuse sweating, weakness, dizziness, headache, dimmed or blurred vision, cold damp skin, extreme tiredness, nausea and hot dry skin.

This news release will be updated to provide information on future cooling zones.

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