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Subject: Warming and Cooling Center Registration – Kane County

Greetings,

The Kane County Health Department is requesting your participation in identifying facilities in your organization that can be used as temporary warming and cooling centers during hazardous weather. These centers can offer respite from blizzard conditions, excessive heat, excessive cold, or other hazardous situations.

These warming and cooling centers are not required to be 24hr and are just a temporary respite from passing weather. Many warming and cooling centers operate only during normal business hours and only provide such shelter in the event of a weather emergency.

As a health department, we are seeking to improve the health outcomes of the public, increase awareness of available resources during hazardous weather conditions, expand the positive effect of additional warming and cooling centers, and nurture and highlight the important relationships you have built in your community.

Currently, 12 jurisdictions and/or organizations in Kane County provide some sort of shelter away from inclement weather.

The County of Kane and the Kane County Health Department assume no liability for this voluntary initiative but can provide advice and clarification as requested. Warming and cooling centers are not alternatives for permanent shelters. These centers will be identified and their hours and days of operation made public on the Keep Warm IL and Keep Cool IL websites as well as the Kane County Health Department's website and on the Kane Health Atlas at kanehealthatlas.org.

As part of this communication, you will receive a registration link, a list of our current heating and cooling centers, and some recommendations on establishing a warming center. If your heating and cooling center is already listed, please review your listings and use the redcap form to make any necessary changes.

The link: <https://redcap.link/kchd-warming-cooling-center-form>

If there are any questions, please reach out to me. Thank you for your continued collaboration.

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