

# Montgomery County Extreme Temperature Plan

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County developed a plan in 2016 for extreme temperatures to document the roles and responsibilities of select departments during periods of extreme temperatures

We updated it prior to this past winter and tested it through the season

- So many days met our threshold, so it was a great period to test it
- Received feedback from County departments and the public on alert thresholds and notification

Updated again before this summer season and it has been fully rolled out to the EMG

# Background

# Heat Alerts

## Hyperthermia Alert

- Issued internally and via Social Media
- Issued when County-wide temperatures and/or heat index are forecasted to be above 95 F

## Heat Emergency Alert

- Issued via Alert Montgomery and Social Media
- Issued when County-wide temperatures and/or heat index are forecasted to be 105 F or higher and at least one of the following conditions:
  - It's expected to last for 2 days or more
  - The nighttime temperature will not drop below 75 F
  - Other threats as determined by OEMHS

# Cold Alerts

## Hypothermia Alert

- Issued internally and via Social Media
- Issued when the County-wide temperature and/or wind chill is forecasted to be below 32 F

## Cold Emergency Alert

- Issued via Alert Montgomery and Social Media
- Issued when the County-wide temperature and/or wind chill is forecasted to be below 20 F and at least one of the following conditions:
  - Forecasted snow accumulation of 3 inches or more
  - A wind chill advisory/warning is issued by the National Weather Service
  - Other threats as determined by OEMHS

# County Actions

## Hypothermia / Hyperthermia

- Departments made aware of conditions via notifications
- Extending hours at homeless shelters, patrolling encampments
- Check on Nursing homes and assisted living facilities
- Residents can stop by County buildings for relief from cold/heat
- Animal services regulations are enacted

## Heat / Cold Emergency

- Emergency Management Group Conference Call to discuss the issuance of a Heat/Cold Emergency and what additional steps the County may take.
- Alert Montgomery notification & Press Release
- Extended hours at homeless shelters, patrolling encampments
- Check on Nursing homes and assisted living facilities
- Dedicated heating/cooling centers / possible extended hours / possible waiving fees
- Animal services regulations are enacted



Thank you!

- Questions?
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