



# **Utilizing partnerships between state departments of health, universities and the National Weather Service to improve public preparation and response to extreme heat**

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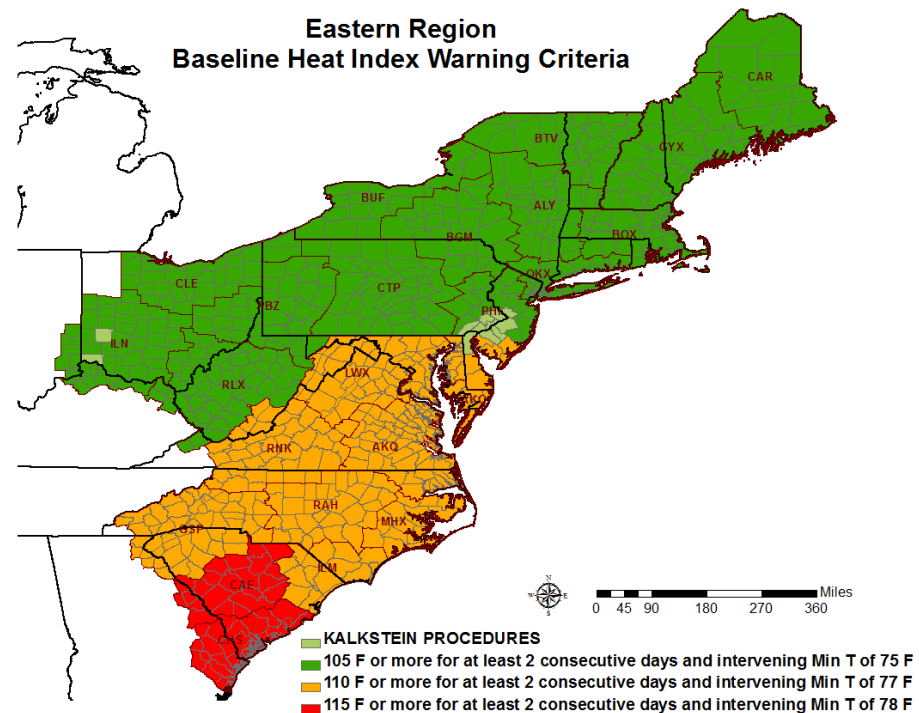
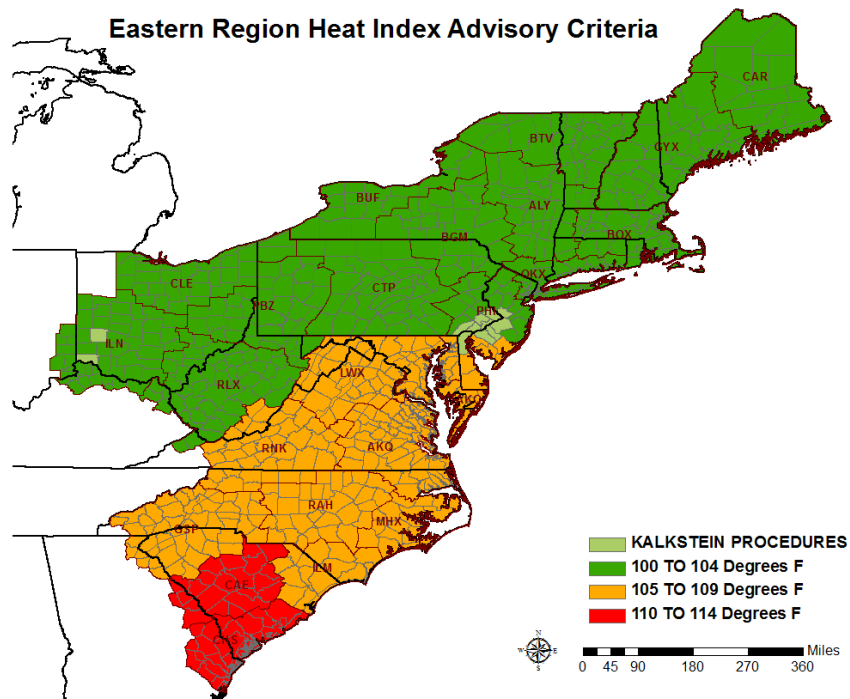
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# Current Thresholds for Advisories and Warnings



- Current thresholds established years ago based on coordination with partners and frequency of heat events
- NWS PHI used morbidity studies by Lawrence Kalkstein (University of Delaware) to lower thresholds (BAMS 1996)
- The thresholds were also lowered for New York City

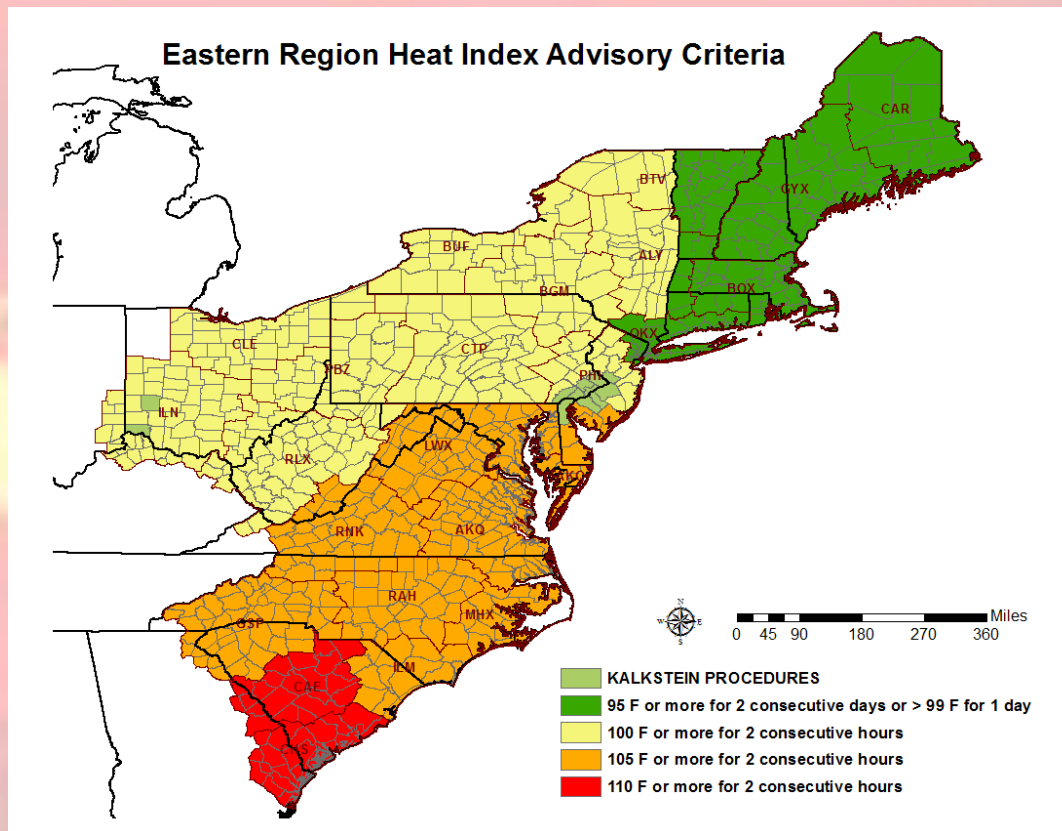




# Thresholds for Advisories – changes beginning summer 2017



- Collaborative study on morbidity and chronic health conditions by New England departments of health, Brown University and NWS offices - Lowered to New York City criteria
- No changes to Excessive Heat Criteria

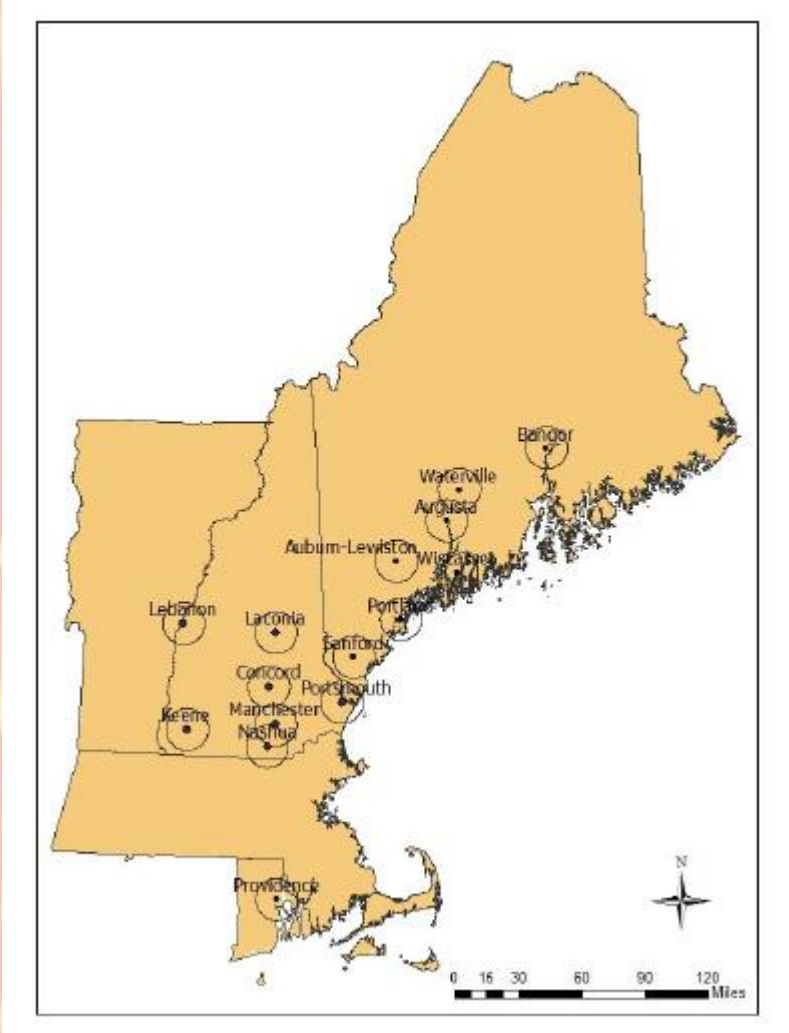




# Northeast Regional Heat Collaborative - 2016

## Partners

- Rhode Island Department of Health
- New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services
- Maine Department of Health and Human Services
- Vermont Department of Health
- Brown University: School of Public Health
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention





# Background

## NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE THRESHOLDS FOR NORTHEAST

### HEAT ADVISORY

100° - 104°F

(daytime heat indices for 2 or more hours)

### HEAT WARNING

105°F and above

### HEAT WAVE

3 consecutive days 90°F or higher

### New York City Heat Advisory

Heat index of at least 100°F but less than 105°F for any length of time or

**Heat index of at least 95°F but less than 100°F for two consecutive days**

The threshold was modified for New York City, where historically the Northeast standards were used.





# Data

## Study Period

- May 1-September 30
- RI (2005-2012); ME (2001-2010); & NH (2000-2009)

## Study Area

- Towns within 10 miles of a NOAA weather station (ME, NH), and all of RI
- Population included 60% of ME, 66% of NH, and 100% of RI  
(**an estimated 2.7 million people**)

## Exposure

- Daily maximum heat index

## Outcome

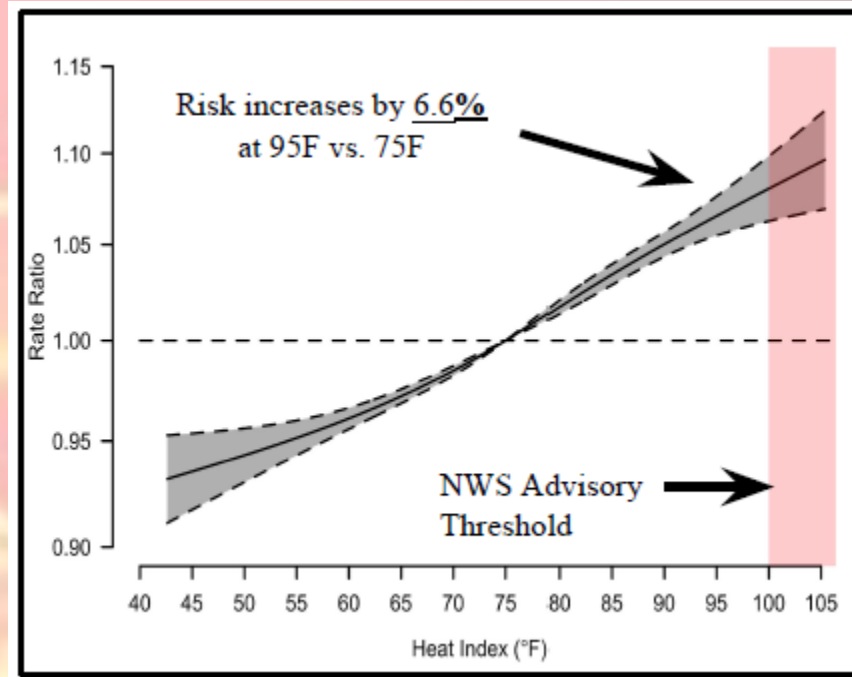
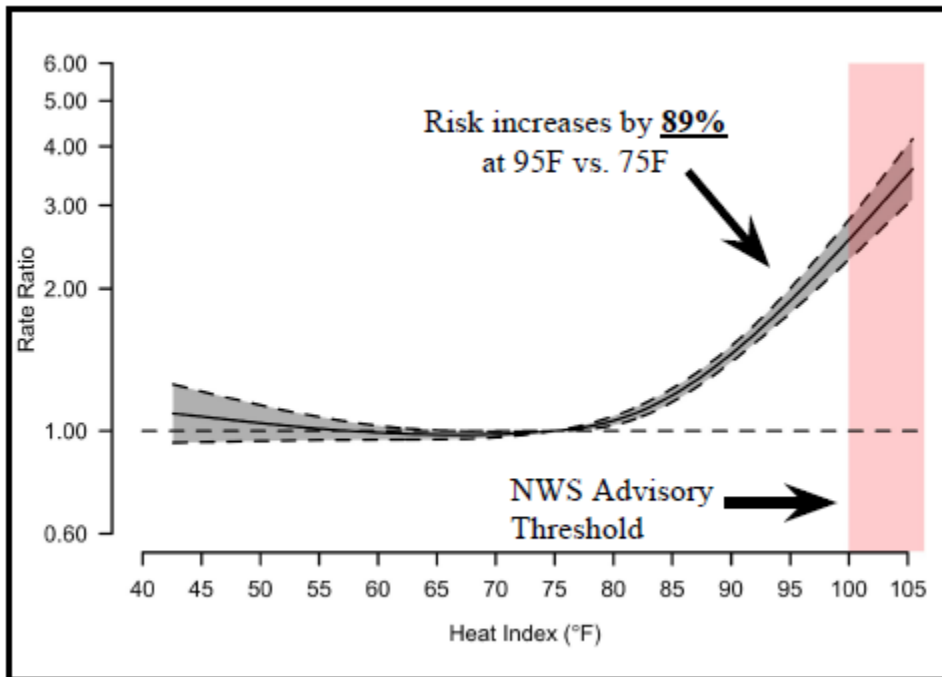
- Counts of daily all-cause and heat-specific emergency department (ED) visits
- Counts of daily all-cause deaths

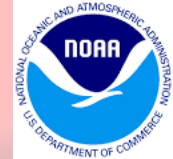
# Methods and Results

- Time series analysis
  - Over-dispersed Poisson Regression
  - Distributed Lag Non-Linear Model
  - Day of (Lag 0) and cumulative (Lags 0-7)
  - Controlled for long-term time trends, day of week and federal holidays
- Estimated heat attributed risks of hospital ED visits and deaths at various cities
- Allowed for non-linear relationships over time
- Considered impact of a single hot day over the next 0-7 days
- Heat related ED visits up 6.6% over the next 7 days
- All cause ED visits up 89% over the next 7 days

## 59 excess heat specific ED visits

## 224 excess all cause ED visits



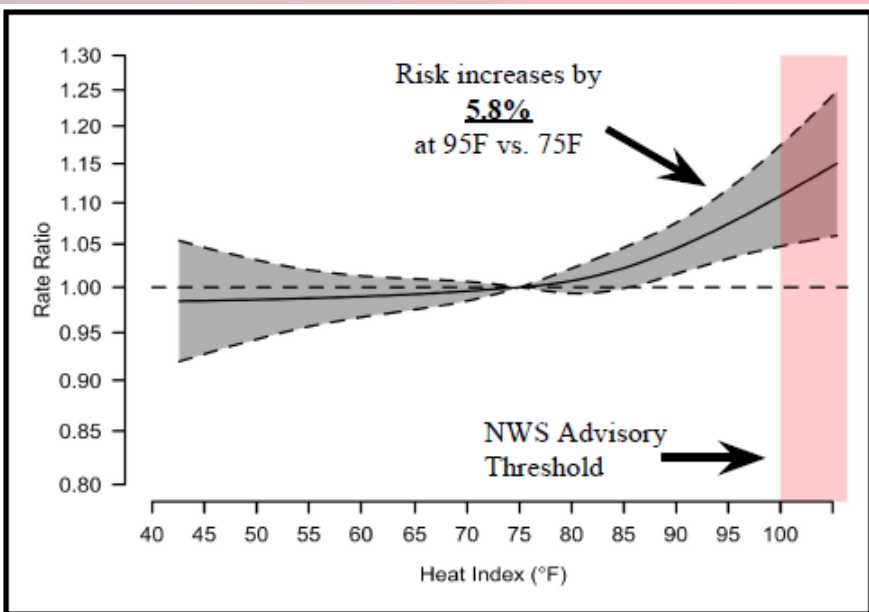


# More Results

- Deaths up 5.8% the next day
- Annual excess of all causes for ED visits
  - Heat Index between 90°F-95°F – 1425/year
  - Heat Index between 95°F-100°F – 618/year
  - Heat Index  $\geq 100^\circ\text{F}$  – 240/year

## 3.4 excess deaths

## Warning fatigue?



Annual average # of days in RI, NH, and ME reaching:

Heat Index 95-99°F- 3.5 days/year\*

Heat Index 100-104°F- 1 day/year\*

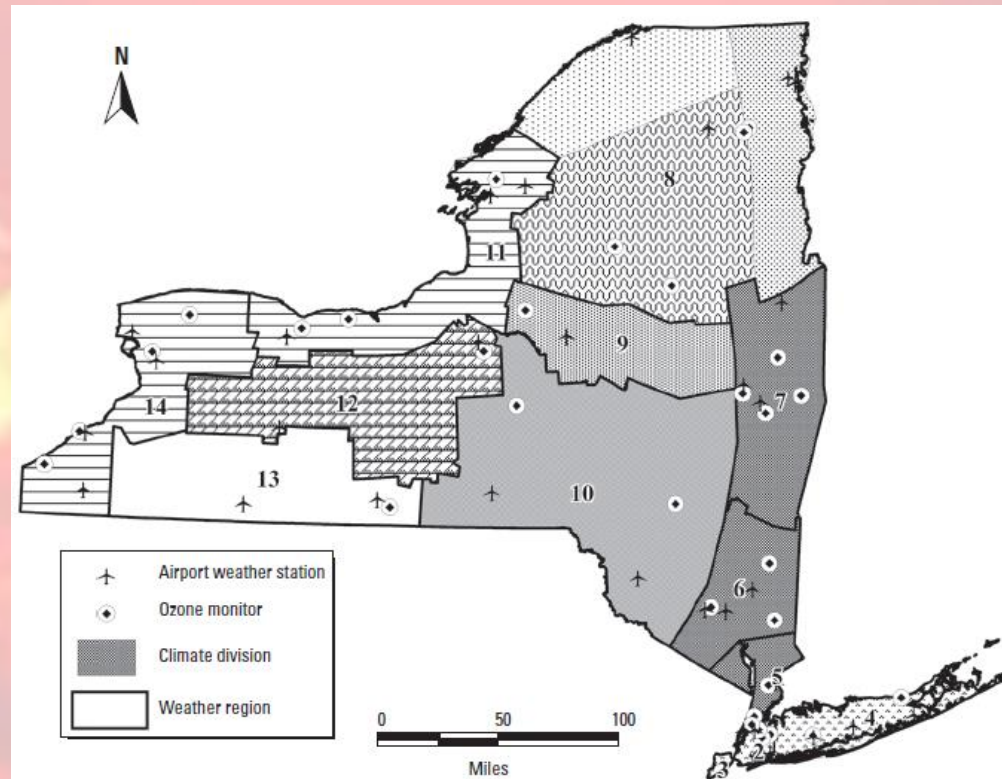
Heat Index 105°F- less than 1 day/year\*

\*Annually, during warm season (May-Sept)



# Research on effects of heat in Upstate New York – Data studied 1992-2006

- Initial studies by NY State Department of Health published in 2009-2012
  - NY State divided into 14 study zones
  - First order airport observations used to represent verification for each zone
  - Limited account for variability of apparent temperature within each zone due to sparsity of verifying observations
  - Data analysis showed little temperature variation across zones in rural upstate NY regions





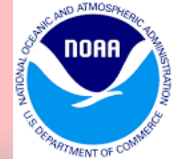
# Research on effects of heat - birth defects in Upstate New York – Data studied 1991-2006

- Universal apparent temperature data used in this study

Weather region	Daily minimum UAT			Daily mean UAT			Daily maximum UAT		
	Mean ± SD	Minimum	Maximum	Mean ± SD	Minimum	Maximum	Mean ± SD	Minimum	Maximum
4. Long Island	66.1 ± 8.6	40.8	91.4	75.0 ± 8.3	52.9	99.9	83.4 ± 8.9	57.0	111.1
5. Westchester/Rockland	63.9 ± 7.7	41.2	90.5	73.6 ± 8.1	53.1	99.4	83.1 ± 9.2	55.0	111.3
6. Hudson Valley–South	61.5 ± 7.9	34.8	88.4	73.0 ± 7.9	52.2	97.9	84.0 ± 9.3	53.5	109.4
7. Hudson Valley–North	59.2 ± 7.6	36.2	84.4	70.6 ± 7.4	49.7	94.8	81.5 ± 8.9	53.5	106.6
8. Adirondack and North	57.9 ± 8.0	29.8	86.2	69.2 ± 7.8	45.0	94.5	80.1 ± 9.2	52.0	106.6
9. Mohawk Valley	59.1 ± 7.9	12.0	86.9	69.6 ± 7.7	46.4	95.4	80.1 ± 9.2	52.0	108.0
10. Binghamton	58.5 ± 7.2	31.5	81.2	67.7 ± 7.3	43.5	90.4	77.0 ± 8.6	51.0	102.9
11. Great Lakes–Rochester	58.3 ± 8.1	33.8	85.2	69.3 ± 7.8	45.2	95.1	79.5 ± 8.7	55.3	104.3
12. Central Lakes	60.5 ± 7.8	31.6	87.9	71.3 ± 8.0	47.2	95.7	81.5 ± 9.3	53.0	108.1
13. Western Plateau	56.6 ± 7.8	30.0	83.2	69.2 ± 7.4	45.5	93.8	81.6 ± 9.0	54.0	109.1
14. Great Lakes–Buffalo	61.1 ± 8.0	36.2	88.4	71.1 ± 7.9	43.0	93.4	80.5 ± 8.8	50.0	105.5
Overall: upstate New York	60.2 ± 8.3	12.0	91.4	70.9 ± 8.1	43.0	99.9	81.1 ± 9.2	50.0	111.3



# Research on effects of heat - birth defects in Upstate New York – Data studied 1991-2006

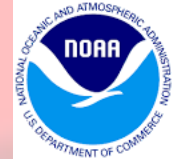


- Some of the health affects that were determined

Birth outcome group	n	Daily minimum UAT		Daily mean UAT		Daily maximum UAT	
		Mean ± SD	5°F increase	Mean ± SD	5°F increase	Mean ± SD	5°F increase
			OR <sup>a</sup> (95% CI)		OR <sup>a</sup> (95% CI)		OR <sup>a</sup> (95% CI)
Controls	59,328	59.1 ± 6.2	—	69.4 ± 5.9	—	79.2 ± 5.7	—
<b>Central nervous system</b>							
Anencephalus	21	56.9 ± 3.6	0.94 (0.63, 1.42)	67.4 ± 3.8	0.93 (0.61, 1.43)	77.6 ± 4.0	0.95 (0.62, 1.46)
Spina bifida without anencephalus	114	58.6 ± 5.8	1.12 (0.92, 1.35)	68.9 ± 5.4	1.10 (0.90, 1.34)	78.8 ± 5.2	1.08 (0.89, 1.32)
Hydrocephalus without spina bifida	311	59.3 ± 6.2	1.06 (0.95, 1.18)	69.6 ± 5.7	1.07 (0.95, 1.20)	79.4 ± 5.4	1.07 (0.95, 1.19)
Encephalocele	25	58.0 ± 6.1	0.92 (0.64, 1.32)	68.3 ± 5.9	0.92 (0.63, 1.33)	78.2 ± 5.9	0.93 (0.64, 1.35)
Microcephalus	199	58.5 ± 6.9	0.93 (0.82, 1.06)	68.7 ± 6.5	0.93 (0.81, 1.06)	78.4 ± 6.3	0.92 (0.80, 1.05)
<b>Eye</b>							
Anophthalmia/microphthalmia	34	58.2 ± 6.2	0.71 (0.54, 0.94)*	68.2 ± 6.2	0.70 (0.53, 0.93)*	77.8 ± 6.4	0.70 (0.52, 0.93)*
Congenital cataract	75	60.5 ± 5.1	1.51 (1.14, 1.99)*	71.0 ± 4.9	1.47 (1.11, 1.94)*	81.0 ± 4.9	1.45 (1.10, 1.90)*
<b>Cardiovascular</b>							
Common truncus	9	57.2 ± 8.2	0.99 (0.53, 1.86)	67.7 ± 7.7	1.02 (0.52, 1.98)	77.7 ± 7.2	1.07 (0.54, 2.11)
Transposition of great arteries	68	58.7 ± 5.7	1.04 (0.82, 1.33)	69.4 ± 5.4	1.07 (0.84, 1.37)	79.6 ± 5.3	1.08 (0.84, 1.37)
Tetralogy of Fallot	106	59.3 ± 6.1	0.99 (0.83, 1.19)	69.5 ± 5.8	0.98 (0.82, 1.18)	79.2 ± 5.5	0.98 (0.82, 1.18)
Ventricular septal defect	1,579	59.0 ± 6.2	1.00 (0.96, 1.05)	69.5 ± 5.8	1.01 (0.96, 1.06)	79.2 ± 5.6	1.00 (0.95, 1.05)
Atrial septal defect	822	59.9 ± 6.4	0.96 (0.90, 1.02)	69.8 ± 6.1	0.96 (0.90, 1.02)	79.4 ± 6.0	0.97 (0.90, 1.03)
Endocardial cushion defect	43	58.2 ± 5.3	0.97 (0.73, 1.29)	68.7 ± 5.4	0.97 (0.72, 1.30)	78.7 ± 5.6	0.98 (0.73, 1.32)
Pulmonary valve atresia/stenosis	457	59.3 ± 6.2	1.07 (0.97, 1.17)	69.5 ± 5.8	1.07 (0.98, 1.17)	79.2 ± 5.6	1.07 (0.97, 1.17)
Tricuspid atresia/stenosis	44	58.7 ± 7.1	0.99 (0.75, 1.32)	68.8 ± 6.9	0.97 (0.73, 1.29)	78.4 ± 6.7	0.95 (0.71, 1.27)
Ebstein's anomaly	23	59.5 ± 4.7	1.06 (0.70, 1.59)	69.9 ± 4.3	1.12 (0.73, 1.71)	79.8 ± 4.3	1.18 (0.76, 1.83)
Aortic valve stenosis	102	59.5 ± 5.8	1.08 (0.89, 1.31)	69.8 ± 5.6	1.08 (0.89, 1.31)	79.6 ± 5.6	1.08 (0.89, 1.31)
Hypoplastic left heart syndrome	96	58.9 ± 6.3	0.99 (0.82, 1.20)	69.3 ± 6.1	0.98 (0.81, 1.19)	79.2 ± 6.0	0.98 (0.81, 1.19)
Patent ductus arteriosus (≥ 2,500 g)	566	59.7 ± 6.1	0.96 (0.89, 1.03)	69.6 ± 5.8	0.95 (0.88, 1.03)	79.0 ± 5.6	0.95 (0.88, 1.03)
Coarctation of aorta	235	59.0 ± 5.9	1.05 (0.92, 1.19)	69.3 ± 5.7	1.06 (0.93, 1.21)	79.2 ± 5.6	1.08 (0.95, 1.24)
<b>Craniofacial</b>							
Choanal atresia	99	58.3 ± 6.6	0.90 (0.75, 1.08)	68.7 ± 6.2	0.90 (0.75, 1.08)	78.7 ± 6.0	0.91 (0.76, 1.09)
Cleft palate without cleft lip	340	58.4 ± 6.1	0.99 (0.89, 1.10)	68.8 ± 5.7	0.99 (0.89, 1.10)	78.7 ± 5.6	0.97 (0.87, 1.08)
Cleft lip ± cleft palate	501	58.6 ± 6.4	0.98 (0.90, 1.07)	69.1 ± 6.0	0.98 (0.90, 1.07)	79.1 ± 5.9	0.99 (0.91, 1.07)
<b>Genitourinary</b>							
Renal agenesis/hypoplasia	174	59.8 ± 5.8	1.17 (1.00, 1.37)*	70.1 ± 5.5	1.15 (0.99, 1.35)	79.8 ± 5.3	1.13 (0.97, 1.32)
<b>Musculoskeletal</b>							
Upper limb reduction	105	58.7 ± 5.6	1.09 (0.89, 1.33)	69.2 ± 5.3	1.11 (0.90, 1.36)	79.3 ± 5.4	1.12 (0.91, 1.38)
Lower limb reduction	85	59.1 ± 6.4	1.10 (0.88, 1.37)	69.4 ± 6.0	1.10 (0.88, 1.38)	79.2 ± 5.7	1.09 (0.87, 1.36)
Gastroschisis	108	58.3 ± 5.6	1.00 (0.83, 1.21)	68.6 ± 5.7	0.98 (0.82, 1.19)	78.5 ± 5.8	0.99 (0.82, 1.19)
Omphalocele	81	59.0 ± 5.7	1.12 (0.89, 1.42)	69.3 ± 5.3	1.12 (0.89, 1.42)	79.1 ± 5.3	1.12 (0.88, 1.41)

<sup>a</sup>ORs were adjusted for maternal age, race, ethnicity, adequacy of prenatal care, smoking, weather region, and year. \*Statistically significant ( $p \leq 0.05$ ).





# Research on effects of heat - birth defects in Upstate New York – Data studied 1992-2006

## Heat Waves – 3 or more days UAT > 90<sup>th</sup> percentile

Birth outcome group	n	Embryo-days in summer <sup>a</sup>	Heat wave <sup>a</sup>		No. of heat waves		No. of days > 90th percentile	
			n (%)	OR <sup>b</sup> (95% CI)	Mean ± SD	OR <sup>b</sup> (95% CI)	Mean ± SD	OR <sup>b</sup> (95% CI)
Controls	59,328		18,629 (31.4)	—	0.4 ± 0.7	—	3.1 ± 3.8	—
<b>Central nervous system</b>								
Anencephalus	21		2 (9.5)	0.21 (0.04, 1.03)	0.1 ± 0.3	0.25 (0.06, 1.03)	1.7 ± 2.8	0.89 (0.74, 1.05)
Spina bifida without anencephalus	114		38 (33.3)	1.30 (0.82, 2.05)	0.4 ± 0.7	1.12 (0.83, 1.52)	3.2 ± 3.6	1.03 (0.97, 1.09)
Hydrocephalus without spina bifida	311		94 (30.2)	0.95 (0.72, 1.25)	0.4 ± 0.7	0.99 (0.82, 1.20)	3.2 ± 3.8	1.01 (0.97, 1.04)
Encephalocele	25		6 (24.0)	0.57 (0.21, 1.57)	0.4 ± 0.9	1.00 (0.53, 1.86)	3.0 ± 4.8	0.97 (0.86, 1.10)
Microcephalus	199		60 (30.2)	1.10 (0.77, 1.58)	0.4 ± 0.6	0.99 (0.77, 1.28)	3.0 ± 4.0	0.99 (0.95, 1.04)
<b>Eye</b>								
Anophthalmia/microphthalmia	34		10 (29.4)	0.65 (0.29, 1.44)	0.4 ± 0.7	0.75 (0.42, 1.33)	3.3 ± 4.1	0.98 (0.89, 1.09)
Congenital cataract	75		35 (46.7)	1.97 (1.17, 3.32)*	0.6 ± 0.7	1.45 (1.04, 2.02)*	4.0 ± 3.9	1.09 (1.02, 1.17)*
<b>Cardiovascular</b>								
Common truncus	9		5 (55.6)	3.47 (0.78, 15.40)	0.6 ± 0.5	2.31 (0.68, 7.81)	3.2 ± 3.0	1.10 (0.85, 1.44)
Transposition of great arteries	68		21 (30.9)	0.81 (0.46, 1.45)	0.4 ± 0.6	0.86 (0.56, 1.30)	3.2 ± 3.7	0.99 (0.92, 1.07)
Tetralogy of Fallot	106		39 (36.8)	1.15 (0.73, 1.81)	0.4 ± 0.6	0.91 (0.67, 1.25)	3.2 ± 3.6	0.98 (0.92, 1.04)
Ventricular septal defect	1,579		489 (31.0)	0.98 (0.87, 1.11)	0.4 ± 0.7	0.97 (0.89, 1.05)	3.1 ± 3.7	0.99 (0.98, 1.01)
Atrial septal defect	822		258 (31.4)	0.91 (0.77, 1.08)	0.4 ± 0.7	0.93 (0.83, 1.03)	3.3 ± 4.0	0.99 (0.97, 1.01)
Endocardial cushion defect	43		14 (32.6)	1.18 (0.57, 2.43)	0.4 ± 0.7	1.13 (0.71, 1.80)	3.2 ± 3.9	1.01 (0.92, 1.11)
Pulmonary valve atresia/stenosis	457		145 (31.7)	1.04 (0.83, 1.30)	0.4 ± 0.7	1.07 (0.92, 1.24)	3.3 ± 4.0	1.01 (0.99, 1.04)
Tricuspid atresia/stenosis	44		17 (38.6)	1.78 (0.83, 3.81)	0.5 ± 0.8	1.40 (0.87, 2.24)	3.6 ± 4.8	1.05 (0.96, 1.14)
Ebstein's anomaly	23		7 (30.4)	1.24 (0.41, 3.71)	0.4 ± 0.7	0.96 (0.46, 2.01)	2.7 ± 3.2	0.96 (0.82, 1.11)
Aortic valve stenosis	102		40 (39.2)	1.22 (0.78, 1.92)	0.5 ± 0.6	1.04 (0.76, 1.41)	3.4 ± 3.7	1.00 (0.94, 1.06)
Hypoplastic left heart syndrome	96		36 (37.5)	1.05 (0.65, 1.70)	0.5 ± 0.8	1.07 (0.79, 1.46)	3.8 ± 4.4	1.03 (0.97, 1.09)
Patent ductus arteriosus (≥ 2,500 g)	566		180 (31.8)	0.96 (0.78, 1.19)	0.4 ± 0.7	0.95 (0.83, 1.09)	3.2 ± 4.0	0.98 (0.96, 1.00)
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<b>Craniofacial</b>								
Choanal atresia	99		28 (28.3)	0.77 (0.48, 1.26)	0.4 ± 0.7	0.93 (0.66, 1.31)	2.7 ± 3.7	0.96 (0.90, 1.03)
Cleft palate without cleft lip	340		110 (32.4)	1.14 (0.88, 1.48)	0.4 ± 0.6	0.99 (0.82, 1.19)	3.1 ± 3.6	1.01 (0.97, 1.04)
Cleft lip ± cleft palate	501		163 (32.5)	0.94 (0.76, 1.17)	0.4 ± 0.7	0.98 (0.85, 1.13)	3.4 ± 4.1	1.00 (0.97, 1.02)
<b>Genitourinary</b>								
Renal agenesis/hypoplasia	174		61 (35.1)	1.13 (0.79, 1.62)	0.4 ± 0.6	1.02 (0.79, 1.30)	3.2 ± 3.6	1.00 (0.95, 1.04)
<b>Musculoskeletal</b>								
Upper limb reduction	105	3,412	29 (27.6)	0.90 (0.56, 1.45)	0.4 ± 0.7	1.02 (0.73, 1.42)	3.0 ± 3.7	1.01 (0.95, 1.08)
Lower limb reduction	85	2,754	31 (36.5)	1.36 (0.82, 2.25)	0.5 ± 0.7	1.23 (0.87, 1.75)	3.5 ± 4.1	1.05 (0.98, 1.12)
Gastroschisis	108	3,527	23 (21.3)	0.48 (0.28, 0.81)*	0.3 ± 0.6	0.63 (0.43, 0.92)*	2.8 ± 3.9	0.95 (0.90, 1.01)
Omphalocele	81	2,559	23 (28.4)	0.93 (0.54, 1.61)	0.3 ± 0.5	0.83 (0.55, 1.25)	2.8 ± 3.3	0.98 (0.91, 1.05)

<sup>a</sup>Heat wave (≥ 3 consecutive days with daily mean UAT above the 90th percentile). <sup>b</sup>ORs were adjusted for maternal age, race, ethnicity, adequacy of prenatal care, smoking, weather region, and year. \*Statistically significant (p ≤ 0.05).



# Research on effects of heat - respiratory and cardiovascular diseases in New York City – Data studied 1992-2004



## Some of the health effects that were determined

	Mean (SD)	Minimum	25th Percentile	Median	75th Percentile	Maximum
<b>Daily mean temperature (°C)</b>						
Staten Island, LGA	24.0 (3.4)	12.9	22.0	24.1	26.2	34.2
JFK	22.8 (3.1)	12.6	21.0	23.0	24.8	33.2
<b>Daily mean apparent temperature (°C)</b>						
Staten Island, LGA	25.6 (4.7)	12.1	22.6	25.8	29.0	40.3
JFK	24.7 (4.5)	10.6	21.9	24.9	27.9	38.7
<b>Daily mean relative humidity (%)</b>						
Staten Island, LGA	64.5 (14)	33.0	53.9	63.6	74.8	99.3
JFK	71.6 (14)	31.3	61.9	72.8	82.8	99.7
<b>Daily ozone 8 hours max (ppb)<sup>b</sup></b>						
JFK, LGA	57.4 (24.6)	2.0	39.6	54.5	72.0	155.0
Staten Island <sup>c</sup>	66.0 (25.4)	5.0	46.6	62.5	80.2	178.0
<b>Daily admission rate for respiratory diseases (per 1,000,000)</b>						
LGA	10.2 (3.3)	2.5	8.3	10.2	12.1	20.8
JFK	12.4 (8.0)	2.2	7.8	10.0	13.9	98.2
Staten Island	9.0 (5.1)	0.0	4.6	9.1	11.4	34.2
<b>Daily admission rate for cardiovascular diseases (per 1,000,000)</b>						
LGA	36.5 (8.0)	19.0	28.3	38.2	42.7	53.1
JFK	43.4 (10.8)	17.8	34.4	43.8	51.6	71.0
Staten Island	44.0 (13.9)	11.4	34.2	43.3	54.7	88.8

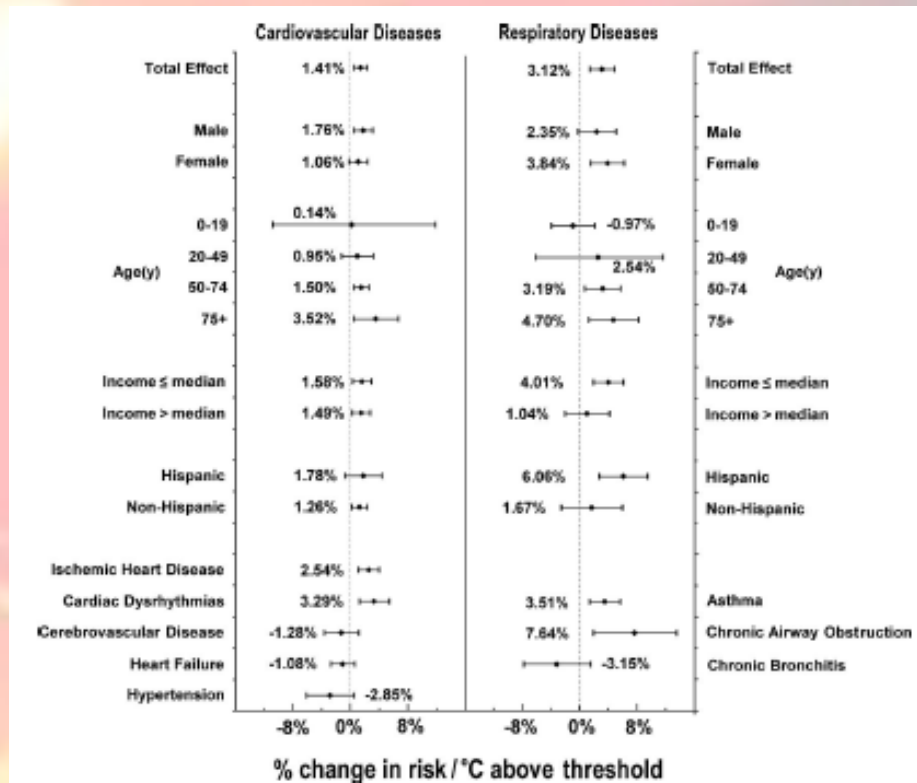
<sup>a</sup>Time period for this table is June–August, 1991–2004 (1288 days).

<sup>b</sup>Maximum value in 8-hour period (10:00 AM–6:00 PM observations).

<sup>c</sup>Calculated from 1130 days which had  $\geq 75\%$  available hourly observations.

Disease	ICD-9 Codes	No. Cases	Percent Distribution
Cardiovascular diseases	393–438	392,734	100
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	393–398	2334	0.6
Hypertensive disease	401–405	33,557	8.5
Ischemic heart disease	410–414	160,751	40.9
Cardiac dysrhythmias	427	51,567	13.1
Heart failure	428	87,058	22.2
Cerebrovascular disease	430–434, 436–438	57,467	14.6
Respiratory diseases	491–493, 496, 490 <sup>a</sup> , 466 <sup>a</sup>	108,445	100
Acute bronchitis and bronchiolitis	466 <sup>a</sup>	7710	7.0
Bronchitis, not specified as acute or chronic	490 <sup>a</sup>	693	0.6
Chronic bronchitis	491	17,366	16.0
Emphysema	492	3259	3.0
Asthma	493	70,727	65.2
Chronic airway obstruction, not elsewhere classified	496	8690	8.0

<sup>a</sup>For age <5 years.



3-day moving average Apparent Temperature 90°F, CD 1-3 day lag, RD 0-2 day lag





# Research on effects of heat – renal disease in New York – Data studied 1991-2004



## Some of the health effects that were determined

Hospital Admissions During July and August, 1991-2004										
Region	Acute Renal Failure, no.	Chronic Kidney Disease, no.	Urinary Tract Infection, no.	Nephritis and Nephrosis, no.	Renal Calculi, no.	Lower Urinary Calculi, no.	Lower Urinary Tract Disorders, no.	Other Kidney Disorders, no.	Total Renal, no.	All Renal/10,000 Population/Month
1 (New York City-LaGuardia Airport) <sup>a</sup>	4,100	1,965	20,024	8,279	9,580	831	4,664	2,038	51,481	3.0
2 (New York City-John F. Kennedy International Airport)	1,170	561	6,179	1,919	3,095	332	1,623	626	15,505	3.0
4 (Long Island)	1,996	739	7,280	2,949	5,864	364	2,368	962	22,522	2.9
5 (Westchester)	735	292	2,730	1,110	2,702	137	1,131	480	9,317	2.7
6 (Hudson Valley-South)	382	111	1,392	538	1,382	56	501	265	4,627	2.1
7 (Hudson Valle-North)	487	158	2,132	924	1,411	69	478	306	5,965	2.2
8 (Adirondacks and North)	222	71	880	463	802	35	335	117	2,925	2.9
9 (Mohawk Valley)	243	54	1,050	477	891	31	278	155	3,179	2.8
10 (Binghamton)	456	133	1,850	819	1,482	69	570	301	5,680	2.6
11 (Rochester)	691	163	2,360	1,247	1,863	78	452	277	7,131	2.4
12 (Central Lakes)	492	142	2,006	894	1,279	72	462	281	5,628	2.2
13 (Western Plateau)	212	78	888	381	863	34	233	139	2,828	3.1
14 (Buffalo)	1,184	269	3,972	1,287	2,873	97	852	563	11,097	2.8
Statewide	12,370	4,736	52,743	21,287	34,087	2,205	13,947	6,510	147,885	2.8

<sup>a</sup> Includes Staten Island.

Lag, days	Actual Temperature <sup>a</sup>						Apparent Temperature <sup>b</sup>					
	Mean		Minimum		Maximum		Mean		Minimum		Maximum	
	OR	95% CI	OR	95% CI	OR	95% CI	OR	95% CI	OR	95% CI	OR	95% CI
0	1.064	1.040, 1.089	1.062	1.039, 1.085	1.043	1.024, 1.063	1.044	1.025, 1.063	1.035	1.018, 1.053	1.035	1.020, 1.053
1	1.090	1.065, 1.116	1.082	1.059, 1.105	1.065	1.045, 1.086	1.060	1.041, 1.080	1.051	1.033, 1.068	1.048	1.032, 1.066
2	1.059	1.034, 1.083	1.045	1.023, 1.068	1.042	1.023, 1.062	1.042	1.023, 1.062	1.035	1.018, 1.052	1.035	1.018, 1.052
3	1.018	0.995, 1.042	1.018	0.996, 1.039	1.011	0.992, 1.030	1.012	0.993, 1.031	1.012	0.996, 1.029	1.006	0.990, 1.022
4	1.006	0.984, 1.030	1.008	0.986, 1.029	1.005	0.986, 1.024	0.995	0.977, 1.013	0.996	0.980, 1.013	0.995	0.979, 1.012
5	1.016	0.993, 1.040	1.009	0.988, 1.030	1.016	0.997, 1.035	1.005	0.987, 1.012	1.000	0.984, 1.017	1.008	0.992, 1.025

Abbreviations: CI, confidence interval; OR, odds ratio.

<sup>a</sup> Actual temperature is adjusted for relative humidity and barometric pressure.

<sup>b</sup> Apparent temperature is adjusted for barometric pressure only.

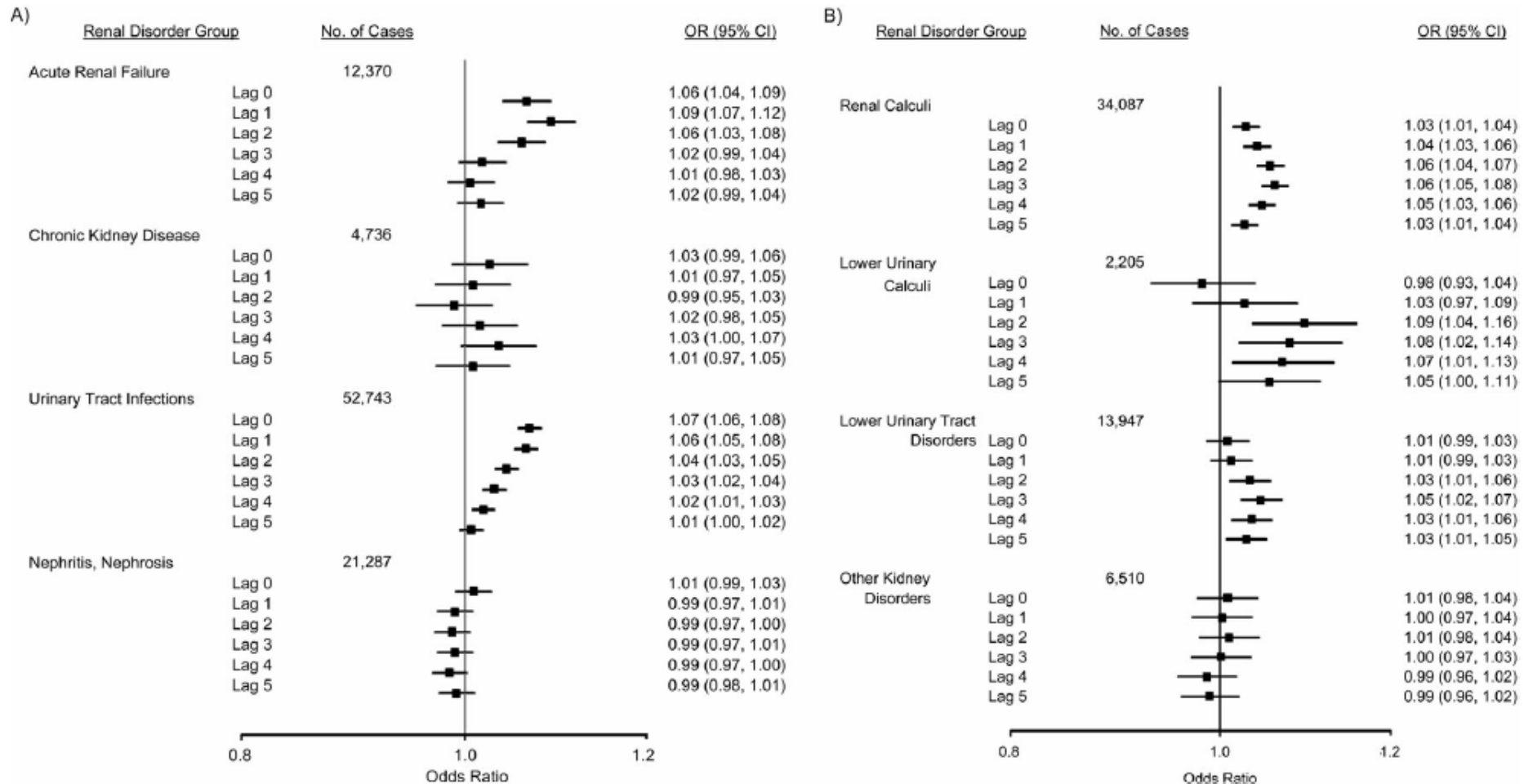
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### Cooling Centers

Cooling centers are facilities where you can go to cool off during extreme heat. The New York State Department of Health collected information about seasonal cooling centers from local health departments and emergency management offices.

To view the address and phone number of a cooling center in your area, select your county on the map below or visit [county cooling centers](#). Some counties (gray) do not have cooling centers listed. If a cooling center is not available, libraries, supermarkets, malls, and community swimming pools are great places to stay cool.

Call before you go! Cooling centers may be closed at certain times or only available during extreme heat events.



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## Department of Health

- Palisades Center Mall Community room, 4th floor by the ice skating rink (as needed), 1000 Palisades Center Dr., West Nyack, 10994, (Mall Security 845-348-1010)

### Saratoga County

- Clifton Park Community Center, 6 Clifton Commons Blvd, Clifton Park, 12065, 518-383-1343
- Corinth Fire Dept, 16 Saratoga Ave, Corinth, 12822, 518-654-6789
- Galway EMS, 2175 Galway Rd, Galway, 12074, 518-882-1234
- Gansevoort Fire Dept, 1870 Rt 32 North, Gansevoort, 12831, 518-792-4396
- Northumberland Town Hall, 17 Catherine St, Gansevoort, 12831, 518-792-9179
- Shelly Park Community Center, 19 Elm Lane, Gansevoort, 12831
- Greenfield Community Center, 7 Wilton Rd, Greenfield Center, 12833, 518-893-7432
- Hadley Senior Center, 23 Maple St, Hadley, 12835, 518-696-2280
- Saratoga Springs Indoor Rec Center, 15 Vanderbilt Ave, Saratoga Springs, 12866, 518-587-3550
- Saratoga Springs Senior Center, 5 Williams St, Saratoga Springs, 12866, 518-584-1621

### Schenectady County

- Quaker Street Branch Library, 133 Bull St, Delanson, 12053, 518-895-2719
- Duanesburg Area Community Center, 221 Victoria Drive, Delanson, 12053, 518-895-9500
- Glenville Branch Library, 20 Glenridge Rd, Glenville, 12302, 518-386-2243
- Glenville Senior Center, 32 Worden Rd, Glenville, 12302, 518-374-0734
- Niskayuna Branch Library, 2400 Nott St E, Niskayuna, 12309, 518-386-2249
- Niskayuna Community Center, 2682 Aqueduct Rd, Niskayuna, 12309, 518-372-2519
- Rotterdam Branch Library, 1100 N Westcott Rd, Schenectady, 12306, 518-356-3440
- Rotterdam Town Senior Citizen's Center, 2639 Hamburg St, Schenectady, 12303, 518-356-1561
- Duane Branch Library, 1331 State St, Schenectady, 12304, 518-386-2242
- Woodlawn Branch Library, 2 Sanford St, Schenectady, 12304, 518-386-2248
- Schenectady County Public Library, 99 Clinton St, Schenectady, 12305, 518-388-4500
- Scotia Branch Library, 14 Mohawk Ave, Scotia, 12302, 518-386-2247
- Schenectady County Recreational Facility, 5 Tower Rd Scotia, 12302, 518-384-2445

### Steuben County

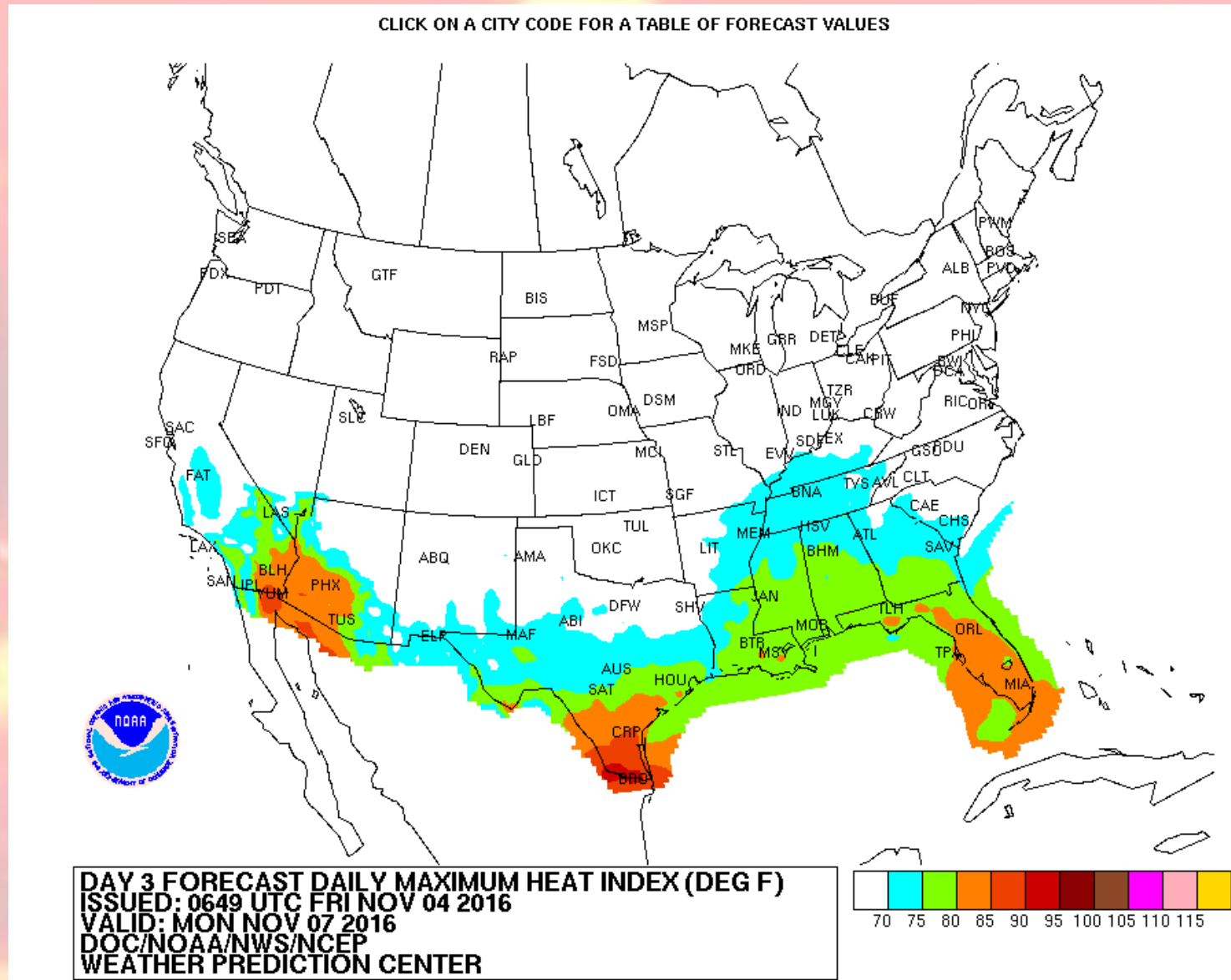
- Public Libraries
- Local and State Parks
- Shopping Malls







# Long Range (Day 3-7) Heat Index Forecasts from the Weather Prediction Center







# The next steps – through Spring 2017

- **Track ED visits for upstate NY on a 12 Km grid using census data, satellite data and 1<sup>st</sup> order observations**
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  - **Caveat – Satellite data displays skin temperatures not the standard 2m temperatures or apparent temperatures**
- **Possible resolution of 1 Km in urban areas with high population density**
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- **Use Mesonet data for temperature and apparent temperature data to strengthen study**
- **Plot data in GIS map format with different demographic layers**
- **Determine whether the apparent temperature thresholds need to be lowered for all of NY State**

# The next steps – Summer 2017 and beyond

- **Create color coded interactive GIS maps with apparent temperature predictions – might be beyond summer 2017**
- **NWS offices relay graphical and text information to broader user community**
- **Expand to extreme cold studies while continuing to add to database to strengthen results of heat studies**

# Examples of GIS based maps with graphical threats and descriptions of threats



## Prepare for Heat Now!



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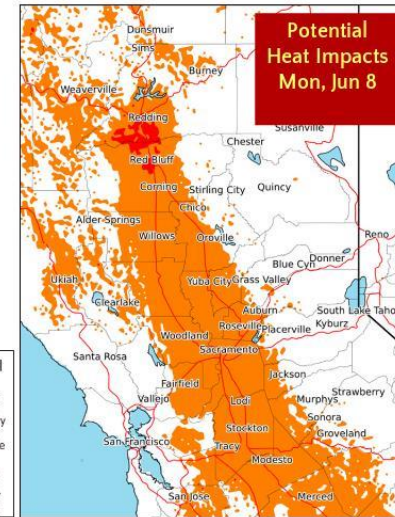
### Advice . . .

- Drink water
- Dress for heat
- Stay in the shade
- Elderly, kids, and pets need more help staying cool

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## Prepare for Dangerous Heat!



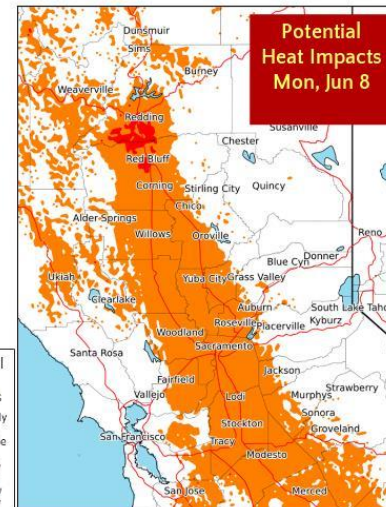
**What Red Means . . .**  
Dangerous heat like this happens only a few times a year. Impacts are likely, even for the general population, if precautions are not taken.

### Advice . . .

- Drink water before you're thirsty
- Avoid strenuous activities
- Stay in air-conditioned areas
- Check on the heat-sensitive (e.g. elderly, infants, pets)



## Deadly Heat!



**What Magenta Means . . .**  
Heat events like this are rare and unusually dangerous, potentially deadly.

### Advice . . .

- Prepare Now!
- Stay in air-conditioned areas
- Check on elderly often
- Protect livestock and pets
- Sensitive groups particularly vulnerable

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# A model for enhanced web based and social media resources

## Dangerous Heat Through Early Next Week!

### What To Do

- Drink before you're thirsty
- If possible, cancel strenuous outdoor activity between 10 AM and 4 PM
- Seek air-conditioned buildings
- Help elderly, kids, & pets stay cool
- Take frequent breaks in the shade if outdoors in the sun

### Red Means...

Heat of this magnitude happens a few times each year. Impacts are likely, even for the general population, if precautions are not taken.

### Orange Means...

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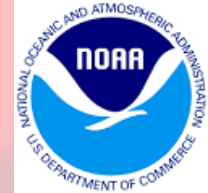
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- **Upper air RAOB data**
- **Co-operative observer data**
- **River gage data**
- **Atmospheric profiler data**





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