

Open Hands Midway Weather Plan

WINTER

Before deciding to cancel meal or food shelf programming due to extreme winter weather conditions, we consult with a variety of individuals both inside and outside of the organization. Our commitment is to keep guests, staff and volunteers in our community informed of weather-related closings and cancellations.

Open Hands Midway will close or cancel programming if:

- Wind chills are forecasted to be -35 or colder at 6 a.m.
- Snow makes it too difficult for our guests, volunteers and staff to arrive safely
- If the St. Paul public schools close due to weather, Open Hands Midway will cancel meal and food shelf programming.

The Executive Director also reserves the right to cancel programs due to inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances, if necessary. **Volunteers and staff should keep these guidelines in mind prior to coming in for your scheduled work or volunteer shift due to weather conditions.**

Please note that delayed start times are not logistically possible at Open Hands Midway.

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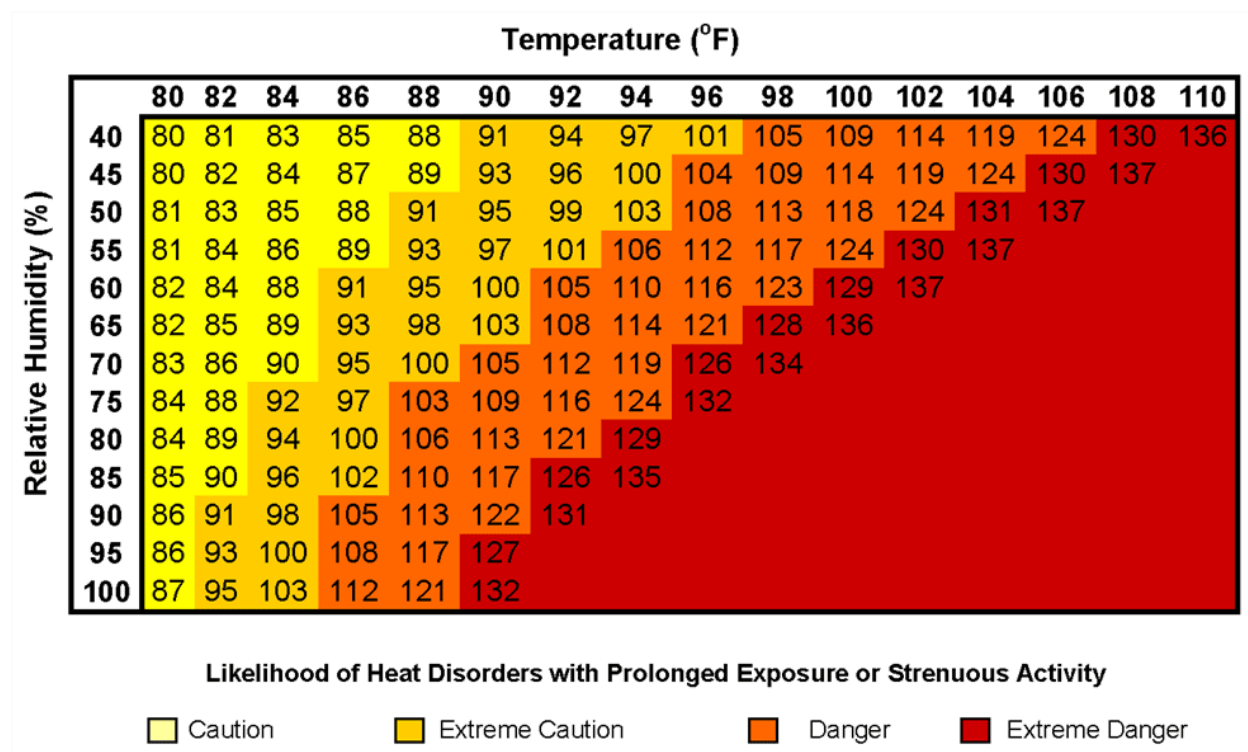
SUMMER

Before deciding to cancel meal or food shelf programming due to extreme heat conditions, we consult with a variety of individuals both inside and outside of the organization. Our commitment is to keep guests, staff and volunteers in our community informed of weather-related closings and cancellations.

Open Hands Midway will close or cancel programming if:

The National Weather Service issues an Excessive Heat Warning. **Before Open Hands Midway makes the decision to close or cancel programming, the following will be considered:**

- The safety of staff, volunteers and guests
- Whether the facility has adequate air movement (access to windows that open, fans, ventilation system capabilities, etc.)
- Evaluation of the combination of temperature and humidity indoors
- Prolonged heat waves



Weather Terms

- **Heat Index** - The heat index is how hot it feels to the human body based on both high air temperatures and high humidity levels in the shade.
- **Humidity** - The measured amount of moisture in the air.

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- An **Excessive Heat Watch** is generally issued by the National Weather Service within 24-72 hours or when hot weather has the potential to occur. The Heat Index could be 100 degrees with an overnight air temperature above 75 degrees. The forecast may still be uncertain.
- A **Heat Advisory** is generally issued by the National Weather Service within 12 hours or when hot weather is likely to occur. The Heat Index is expected to be 100 degrees or higher for at least 2 days with an overnight air temperature at or above 75 degrees.
- An **Excessive Heat Warning** is generally issued within 12 hours or when hot weather is certain to occur. The Heat Index will be 105 degrees or higher for at least 2 days with an overnight air temperature above 75 degrees.

This information is based on National Weather Service criteria. The National Weather Service may issue these weather watches, advisories and warnings within a +/- 2-degree difference.

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