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FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: **HEAT EMERGENCY - UPDATE**

This is an update on the heat emergency declared by the Department of Public Health (DPH) for the Antelope Valley, that began on June 28, 2013 and that has been extended through July 3, 2013. The heat emergency is based on the forecasted extremely high temperatures for three days or more.

In light of anticipated high temperatures continuing in the Antelope Valley area, at a minimum, the following facilities which serve as cooling centers will be open extended or regular hours as noted in the table below:

Facility	Extended/Regular Hours	Location
Antelope Valley Senior Center	Extended Hours 8am to 8pm, Monday, July 1, 2013 to Wednesday, July 3, 2013	777 West Jackman Street Lancaster, CA 93534
Jackie Robinson Park	Regular Hours 9 am – 9 pm, Monday, July 1, 2013 to Wednesday, July 3, 2013	8773 East Avenue R Littlerock, CA 93543
Palmdale City Library	Regular Hours 10 am – 8 pm, Monday, July 1, 2013 to Wednesday, July 3, 2013	700 East Palmdale Blvd.

If high temperatures continue to be forecasted, the Department of Community and Senior Services (CSS) and the County of Los Angeles Public Library are working to identify locations that will serve as cooling center locations through the July 4th holiday or beyond. Once these locations are confirmed, CSS will update the list of cooling centers on their webpage at the following address: <http://css.lacounty.gov>.

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The heat emergency declared in the Santa Clarita Valley through July 1, 2013 has not been extended as temperatures are less severe in this area. DPH had also previously issued a "heat alert" for the San Gabriel Valley, the East San Gabriel Valley, and the San Fernando Valley. As the heat in these areas is forecasted to be less severe, DPH is not recommending extended hours for the cooling centers in these regions. The list of these cooling centers can be found on CSS's website or on DPH's webpage at <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/docs/CoolingCtrs-6-3-13.pdf>.

The Chief Executive Office (CEO) has developed an interactive map to locate the cooling centers, which can be found at this address: <http://mapsengine.google.com/map/viewer?mid=z9pztDeZdtqU.kxng5WTVTDIQ>.

DPH will continue to monitor this situation closely and will work with CSS, the Office of Emergency Management, and the CEO in ensuring the appropriate services are available to those affected.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please let me know.

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