Friendly Reminder: Excessive Heat Warning: Cooling Centers Opening

Cooling centers are open across the city at libraries, community centers, and other facilities. City-affiliated sites are listed below. Anyone visiting a cooling center is encouraged wear a mask and maintain distance from people from outside your household to prevent the spread of COVID. Many local businesses also offer air-conditioned spaces. A map of the spaces listed below is available here.

Community Centers

Four Seattle Community Centers have air conditioning and will be open to serve as cooling centers beginning July 26th through at least July 28th from 2:00 PM – 8:00 PM each day.

- Rainier Beach Community Center, 8825 Rainier Ave S, Seattle, WA 98118
- International District Chinatown Community Center, 719 8th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98104
- Northgate Community Center, 10510 5th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98125
- Magnuson Park, Building #406 6344 NE 74th ST Seattle, WA 98115

Libraries

The Central Library and 17 branches of The Seattle Public Library have air conditioning. Everyone is welcome to come in, cool down and stay hydrated during open hours. The nine branches that do not currently air conditioning may need to close if temperatures inside exceed 80 degrees for over an hour.

For a current list of air-conditioned library hours and updates about closures, please visit spl.org/Today.

Senior Centers

Please call ahead to confirm hours and availability. All sites listed below have air conditioning.

- Central Area Senior Center (500 30th Ave S), Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM; 206-726-4926 (temperature checks, masking, and physical distancing protocols are in effect)
- Greenwood Senior Center (525 N 85th St), Monday – Thursday, 9:30 AM – 7 PM and Friday 9:30 AM – 6 PM; well-behaved small dogs permitted; 206-297-0875 (masks are required indoors when not actively eating or drinking)
- Pike Market Senior Center (85 Pike St, Suite 200), Monday – Friday, 8:20 AM – 4:00 PM; 206-728-2773 (masks and proof of vaccination required)
- Senior Center of West Seattle (4217 SW Oregon St), Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM; 206-932-4044 (sign-in and masks required)
- Southeast Seattle Senior Center (4655 South Holly St), Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM; 206-722-0317 (masks required in the building)

Seattle City Hall

Seattle City Hall is open as a daytime cooling center Tuesday, July 26th through Thursday, July 28th from 11:00am – 7:00pm.

Seattle Center Armory Food & Event Hall

Seattle Center Armory Food & Event Hall is open as a cooling center during regular hours of operation, daily from 7:00am – 8:00pm.

Parks

Seattle Parks and Recreation offers a variety of pools, spray parks, wading pools, lifeguarded beaches, and other recreational sites. For a full listing of these sites and their hours of operation, visit the Seattle Parks and Recreation website.