



Arizona Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation, and Reentry

Excessive Heat Safety and Relief Strategy

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As another summer in Arizona has ended, the Department is grateful for the time, effort and careful planning by its staff and contractors in implementing effective heat relief strategies which were essential for safely navigating through the summer heat and maintaining the health and wellness of staff and inmates. Throughout the past several months, ADCRR team members worked tirelessly to respond to and mitigate heat-related issues as they emerged across our state demonstrating great urgency, compassion and care for each other and the people in our custody. Looking ahead, we are shifting our focus to planning and preparing for next summer's temperatures in an effort to prevent unbearable heat situations.

Now that the days and nights are getting cooler the following actions will be taken to shift away from the Excessive Heat Safety and Relief Strategy. These actions will become effective October 21, 2024.

- ***Outdoor activities will reconvene as dictated by unit schedule with no restrictions.***
- ***Daily schedules, to include showers, will resume as dictated by unit schedule.***
- ***Ice water in coolers will continue to be available in recreation areas.***
- ***Grooming requirements will be reverted to the language in DO 704.***
- ***Bag ice will need to be purchased from the commissary.***
- ***Housing units with permanent misting systems on shade structures for staff and the inmate population will continue to be utilized as necessary.***
- ***In Restrictive Housing units where inmates were issued a temporary personal fan, these fans will be collected for usage next year.***

We appreciate your patience, flexibility and understanding during the difficult excessive heat warnings this past summer!