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DCHHS reports eighth heat-related death of 2018

DALLAS (Oct. 15, 2018) – Dallas County Health and Human Services (DCHHS) is reporting the eighth heat-related death in Dallas County this year. The patient was a 39-year-old resident of Dallas who had underlying health conditions. The cause of death was recently confirmed by the Dallas County Medical Examiner's Office, who recorded temperatures in the high 100s during the time period of the patient's death in July. For medical confidentiality and personal privacy reasons, DCHHS does not provide additional identifying information.

DCHHS conducts heat-related illness surveillance with hospital emergency rooms and the county medical examiner monitors and tracks cases of heat-related illness and death in Dallas County.

"Dallas County residents need to be aware of the severity resulting from heat-related illness during high temperatures," said Ganesh Shivaramaiyer, DCHHS interim director. "Whether you are working or have a recreational activity, being outdoors for even a short amount of time can cause serious illness."

Individuals suffer from heat-related illness when their bodies are unable to compensate and properly cool themselves.

For additional information on heat safety visit www.dallascounty.org/department/hhs/heatsafety

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