



HEAT AND HUMIDITY UPDATE FROM DESPP / DEMHS JULY 5TH, 2023

HEAT AND HUMIDITY FORECAST (Temperatures and Heat Index)

STATUS OF THE STATE EOC: MONITORING

HEAT, HUMIDITY AND A LITTLE SMOKE FROM THE CANADIAN WILDFIRES EXPECTED OVER THE NEXT THREE DAYS...HEAT ADVISORIES POSSIBLE ON THURSDAY...STATE IS ACTIVATING THE HOT WEATHER PROTOCOL...

Summertime heat and humidity mixed with a little smoke from the Canadian wildfires will make working outside uncomfortable during the next three days. Highs are forecast to reach or exceed 90 F each day. In addition, smoke and haze from the Canadian Wild Fires may lead to unhealthy air quality for vulnerable populations. Air quality alerts have already been issued today for southern Fairfield, New Haven, and Middlesex counties.

Today and Thursday are expected to be the hottest days with highs in the low 90's and a heat index (what the temperature feels like) in the mid 90's. A slight improvement is expected on Friday with highs in the upper 80's and a heat index in the low 90's.

The Governor has activated the hot weather protocol starting at 2:00 pm today until 8:00 pm Friday evening. Towns are encouraged to monitor vulnerable populations and consider opening cooling centers if needed.

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will continue to monitor weather conditions and will send out another update at 11:00 AM tomorrow morning.

