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# City of Northampton Announces Warming Shelter Locations for Frigid Days Ahead

NORTHAMPTON - As temperatures are forecasted to drop significantly over the next few days, the City of Northampton is announcing the availability of warming centers for individuals needing a safe, warm space.

The warming centers will be available from Wednesday, January 21, 2026, to Sunday, January 25, 2026, with varying hours of operation. The city encourages residents and visitors experiencing houselessness or needing a safe place to stay during extreme cold weather to take advantage of these facilities.

Frostbite can occur in as little as 10–15 minutes in extreme cold, especially when combined with wind. Common warning signs include numbness, pale or waxy skin, and hard or frozen-feeling skin, most often affecting fingers, toes, ears, nose, and cheeks. Residents are advised to limit time outdoors, dress in warm layers, cover exposed skin, and check on individuals who may be at higher risk (older adults, young children, people with chronic health conditions, and those without access to heat). Anyone experiencing symptoms of frostbite or hypothermia should seek medical care immediately.

People experiencing houselessness are especially vulnerable during extreme cold. The city encourages community members to check on neighbors, share information about warming centers and emergency shelters, and to contact local outreach services if someone appears to need assistance.

The City of Northampton, in collaboration with local nonprofit organizations, has worked diligently to ensure that these facilities are accessible to those in need. Each location will provide a safe and warm environment, as well as access to basic services and support. For more information on warming shelter services, please contact the Northampton Department of Health and Human Services at (413) 587-1215, or the Mayor's office at 413-587-1249 or [mayor@northamptonma.gov](mailto:mayor@northamptonma.gov).

**Stay Safe and Warm!**

<p><b>St. John's Episcopal Church; Emergency Shelter</b>  (Inclement Weather Only, &lt;15* F)  Sign Up: 5 PM  Last Call: 7 PM</p> <p>Access to the shelter is by referral only and must go through the Division of Community Care:  Call (877) 322-0413</p>	<p><b>City of Northampton Division of Community Care</b>  1 Roundhouse Plaza  Northampton, MA  (877) 322-0413  Community Space Open:  Wed-Fri 8:30 AM - 4 PM</p> <p>Available by Phone for Mobile Response and Shelter Transportation:  Wed-Fri 4 PM - 7:30 PM  &amp; Saturday 12 PM - 5 PM</p>	<p><b>Clinical &amp; Support Options (CSO)</b>  29 Industrial Drive East  Northampton, MA  (413) 586-6750  Day center: every day  8 AM - 6 PM</p> <p>Overnight Shelter:  6 PM - overnight, if beds are available</p>	<p><b>Manna Community Center</b>  48 Elm Street  Northampton, MA  (413) 887-0500  Community Space Open:  Wed, Thur, and Saturday  9 AM - 3 PM</p>
<p><b>Northampton Senior Center</b>  67 Conz Street,  Northampton, MA  (413) 587-1228  Wed-Fri 8 AM - 4 PM</p>	<p><b>Forbes Library</b>  20 West Street,  Northampton  Open Thursday  10 AM - 8 PM  Friday &amp; Saturday  10 AM - 6 PM</p>	<p><b>Northampton Police Department</b>  29 Center Street,  Northampton  Open 24/7.  Individuals are welcome to warm up in the lobby during the coldest nights and days.</p>	<p><b>Lilly Library</b>  19 Meadow Street,  Florence, MA  Mon, Tues, Fri, &amp; Sat 10 AM - 5 PM  Closed Wednesdays  Thursday 10 AM - 8 PM  Sunday 1 PM - 5 PM</p>