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Oak Street Health Serves as Cooling Centers for the Elderly Urges residents to take safety precautions in the heat this weekend

CHICAGO, IL (June 9th, 2016)—In response to this weekend's forecast of rising temperatures and dangerously hot conditions, Oak Street Health community centers will serve as cooling centers for older adults to ensure that seniors are safe and cool, and to provide access to health resources and medical services. Very hot weather puts older adults especially at risk. Oak Street Health centers will be open as cooling centers through the summer.

Effective immediately, each of the 15 Oak Street Health community centers will serve as cooling centers from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday. Oak Street Health community centers are located throughout Chicagoland. Specific locations are Portage Park, Edgewater, Bronzeville, Ashburn, Avalon Park, Berwyn, Chicago Avenue, Madison Street, Brighton Park, and Blue Island.

Northwest Indiana seniors can go to the centers in Gary and Hammond for relief from the heat. Two more locations are also open in Indianapolis, in Speedway and Irvington. The Oak Street Health location in Rockford will also serve as a cooling center for seniors. Centers will be open to all seniors, and will offer them cold drinks and daily activities.

Oak Street Health is a Chicago-based healthcare company that provides medical and social services to seniors on Medicare. Community centers provide daily activities, seminars, and classes for seniors.

To learn more about Oak Street Health please visit <a href="https://www.oakstreethealth.com">www.oakstreethealth.com</a>, or call 773-922-7884.

## Oak Street Health Locations:

Ashburn 3348 W. 87<sup>th</sup> Street Chicago, IL 60652 773-768-4471 Avalon Park 1715 E. 95<sup>th</sup> Street Chicago, IL 60617 773-768-4437

Berwyn 7000 W. Cermak Road Berwyn, IL 60402 708-484-8090

Blue Island 3046 W. 127<sup>th</sup> Street Blue Island, IL 60406 708-377-7920

Brighton Park 4327 S. Archer Avenue Chicago, IL 60632 773-242-2370

Bronzeville 4318 S. State Street Chicago, IL 60609 773-285-9304

Chicago Avenue 18 Chicago Avenue Oak Park, IL 60302 773-253-3933

Edgewater 1541 W. Devon Avenue Chicago, IL 60660 773-250-5222

Gary 4900 Broadway Gary, IN 46408 219-237-5170

Hammond 5818 Columbia Avenue Hammond, IN 46320 219-237-5160 Irvington 6401 E. Washington Indianapolis, IN 46219 317-808-7085

Madison Street 3433 W. Madison Street Chicago, IL 60624 773-242-2299

Portage Park 4848 W. Irving Park Chicago, IL 60641 773-724-6200

Rockford 301 E. State Street Rockford, IL 61104 815-668-7810

Speedway 5926 Crawfordsville Road, Unit B Speedway, IN 46224 317-653-2730