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Metro Provides Free Rides To & From Cool Centers

Cincinnati – Mayor Mark Mallory and Metro announce that Metro will offer free rides to people using “cool centers” in conjunction with the City of Cincinnati’s heat emergency.

To help citizens deal with the extreme heat, the City of Cincinnati has opened all of Cincinnati Recreation Centers during regular hours as “cool centers” for individuals and families in need. Metro is offering the free rides to help offset transportation costs to ensure that everyone has access to the “cool centers.” The “cool centers” have been in operation since the beginning of the heat alert.

Residents who go to the cool centers to escape the heat can ask for a free ride pass to go home and a second free ride pass if they need a free ride back to the cool center the next day. Free rides passes will be distributed as long as the heat emergency is in effect.

"Heat emergencies are serious business. Everyone needs to play it safe and stay cool," Mayor Mark Mallory said. "Metro is partnering with the city to make sure that citizens can get out of the heat and take advantage of the cool centers."

"Bus fare should not be an issue for anyone who needs to go to a cool center," said Metro’s General Manager Mike Setzer. "Metro is a community service, and we are here to help in this emergency."

Metro is a non-profit public service of the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority, providing about 22 million rides in Greater Cincinnati.

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