

**IMPERIAL COUNTY
PUBLIC HEALTH**

Surveillance Week:
09/09/07–09/16/07

HEAT-RELATED ILLNESS UPDATE



Cool Zones

El Centro

- Senior Citizen Program

Calexico

- Public Library

Brawley

- Senior Citizens Center
- Brawley Lions Center
- Brawley Public Library

Winterhaven

- San Pasqual Family Resource Center

Seeley

- Family Resource Center

Niland

- Family Resource Center

Salton City

- Salton Community Services District
- West Shores Health and Education Association

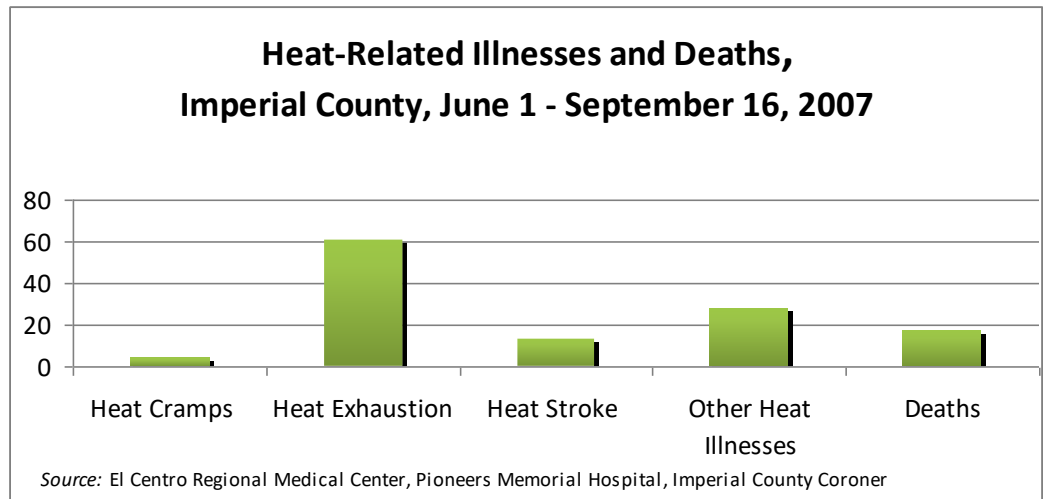
Mecca, Blythe, Winterhaven,
Niland, Brawley, El Centro &
Calexico

- Clinicas de Salud del Pueblo

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**HEAT-RELATED ILLNESS SURVEILLANCE
IMPERIAL COUNTY, JUNE 1 – SEPTEMBER 16, 2007**



Heat-Related Morbidity and Mortality	Week of 9/09/07–9/16/07	All cases reported since June 1, 2007
Heat Cramps	0	4
Heat Exhaustion	6	62
Heat Stroke	0	13
Other illnesses (i.e. heat syncope, dehydration)	0	28
Deaths	0	10

Heat Deaths Drop as State Enforces Occupational Rules

Inspections increased and deaths decreased since California's occupational safety agency began a campaign two years ago to reduce on-the-job heat illness, according to a report in the Sacramento Bee newspaper. As of Sept. 17, 2007, the Division of Occupational Safety and Health (Cal-OSHA) had conducted 355 heat-related job inspections to date in 2007, compared with 180 in 2006 and only 37 when the heat regulations were rolled out on an emergency basis in 2005.

Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger put the rules into effect after 3 farm workers and 1 construction worker died because of the heat two years ago. The Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board made the regulations permanent in 2006. So far in 2007, only 1 worker—an out-of-state long-haul truck driver—had died in California due to excessive heat, according to Cal-OSHA. Eight workers died in the summer of 2006, and 12 perished in two heat waves in 2005.

For additional information regarding heat-related illness surveillance, contact the Imperial County Public Health Department at (760) 482-4702 or visit the Epidemiology Section on our web site at www.icphd.org

