

# EXCESSIVE HEAT TASK FORCE



City of Jacksonville



- Emergency Preparedness Division
- Jacksonville Public Library
- Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services



Jacksonville Fire and Rescue Department



Jacksonville Sheriff's Office



Jacksonville Transportation Authority



American Red Cross



Salvation Army



# OBJECTIVES



Establish Excessive Heat **guidelines** and **response capabilities**.



Ensure the **safety** and **wellbeing** of Duval County residents during Excessive Heat incidents.



Ensure Duval County residents have **access** to available **resources** during Excessive Heat incidents.





# PHASE ①

**Readiness:** The threshold for implementation of Phase 1 will be when the NWS Jacksonville highlights the ***potential*** for a ***Heat Advisory or Excessive Heat*** conditions in their Daily Briefing and official NWS Jacksonville forecasts.



Distribute forecast information via Emergency Preparedness Division ***Daily Situation Report*** to stakeholders.



Distribute protective action information on ***JaxReady social media*** outlets.



Notify ***Excessive Heat Task Force Command and General Staff*** of possible Cooling Center activation via ReadyOp.





# PHASE ②

**Heat Alert:** The threshold for implementation of Phase 2 will be when the NWS issues a **Heat Advisory** (*maximum heat index temperature is expected to be 108°F - 112°F*) for Duval County.



Distribute **Spot Reports** to Emergency Preparedness Division stakeholders regarding escalating weather conditions.



Distribute increased protective action information on **JaxReady social media** outlets and **JaxReady.com**.



Prepare to staff and activate Cooling Centers. **Excessive Heat Task Force Command and General Staff** personnel will be on standby.





# PHASE ③

**Heat Emergency:** The threshold for implementation of Phase 3 will be when the NWS issues a **Heat Advisory** (*maximum heat index temperature is expected to be 108°F - 112°F*) for Duval County, which is expected to last **3 or more days**, or when an **Excessive Heat Warning** (*maximum heat index temperature is expected to be 113° or higher for any duration*) is issued for **one day**.



**Activate and staff** Cooling Centers.



**First stage** will be 6 preidentified COJ facilities that includes Libraries and a Community Center. **Second stage** will be 5 additional preidentified COJ public facilities. Cooling Centers locations will be based on CDC Social Vulnerability data and JFRD call run data.



**JTA Cooling buses** will be used to **augment** COJ facilities when they are closed or if capacity issues arise.





# PHASE ③

## SOCIAL VULNERABILITY INDEX COOLING CENTER LOCATION SELECTION

Risk

- Very High
- Relatively High
- Relatively Moderate
- Relatively Low
- No Data



**Social vulnerability** is calculated using several variables which include: socioeconomic status, education, housing and infrastructure, age, race and ethnicity, transportation access, language barriers, healthcare access, and individual disabilities.

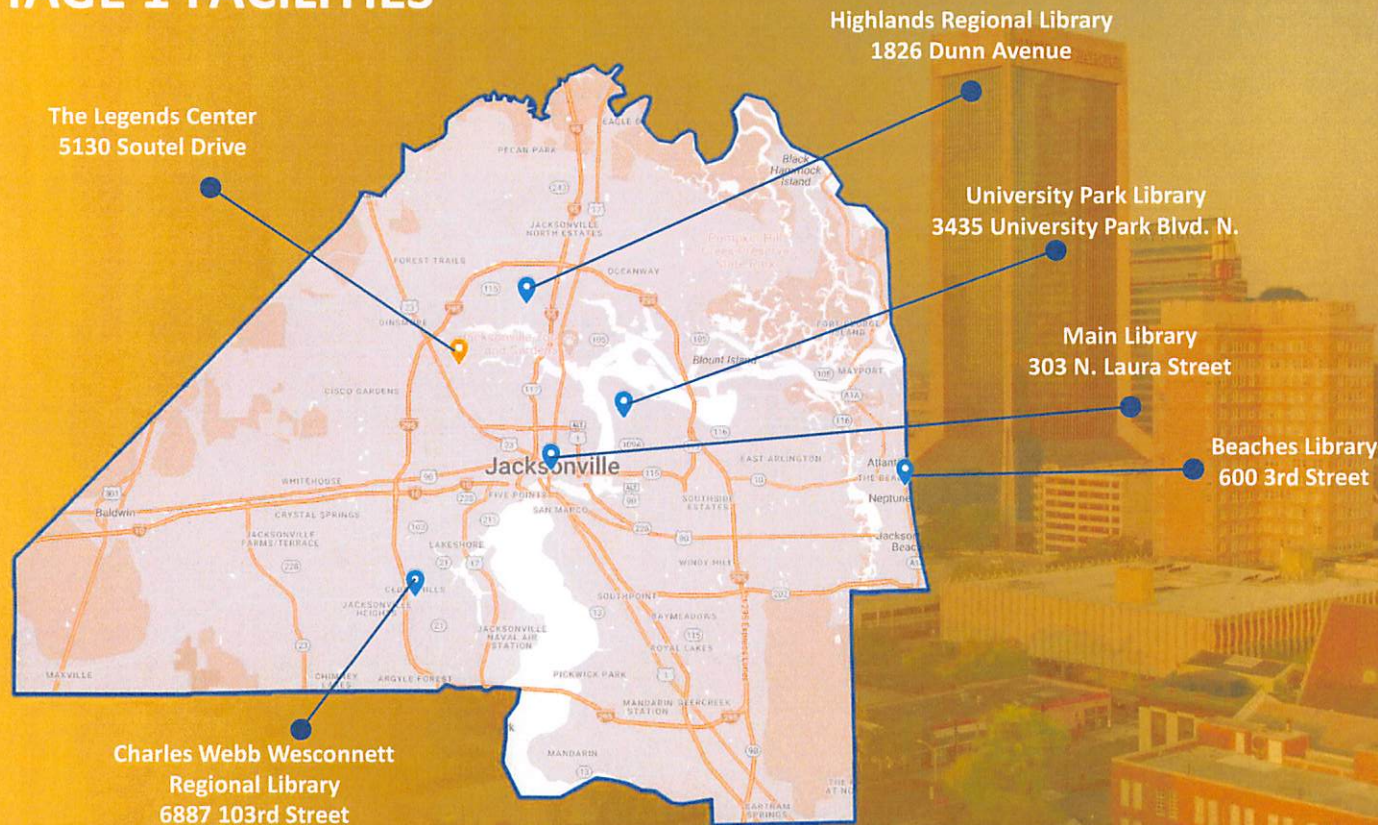




# PHASE ③

## STAGE 1 FACILITIES

Cooling Centers will be staffed from **12 p.m. – 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday** when Heat Emergencies occur in Duval County.





# PHASE<sup>3</sup>

STAFFING PER FACILITY – MINIMUM OF 3 PERSONNEL



Facility  
Personnel (1)



Volunteer (1)



Security (1)



*Transportation personnel (as necessary)*





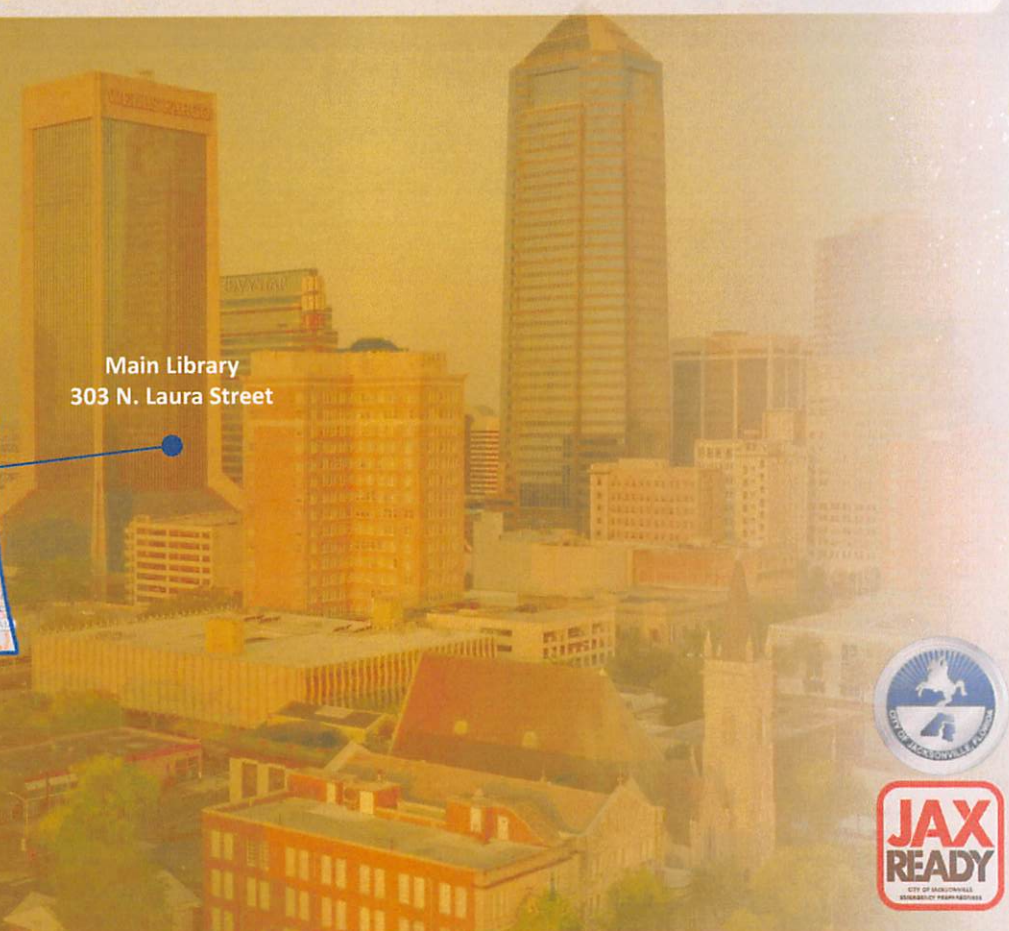
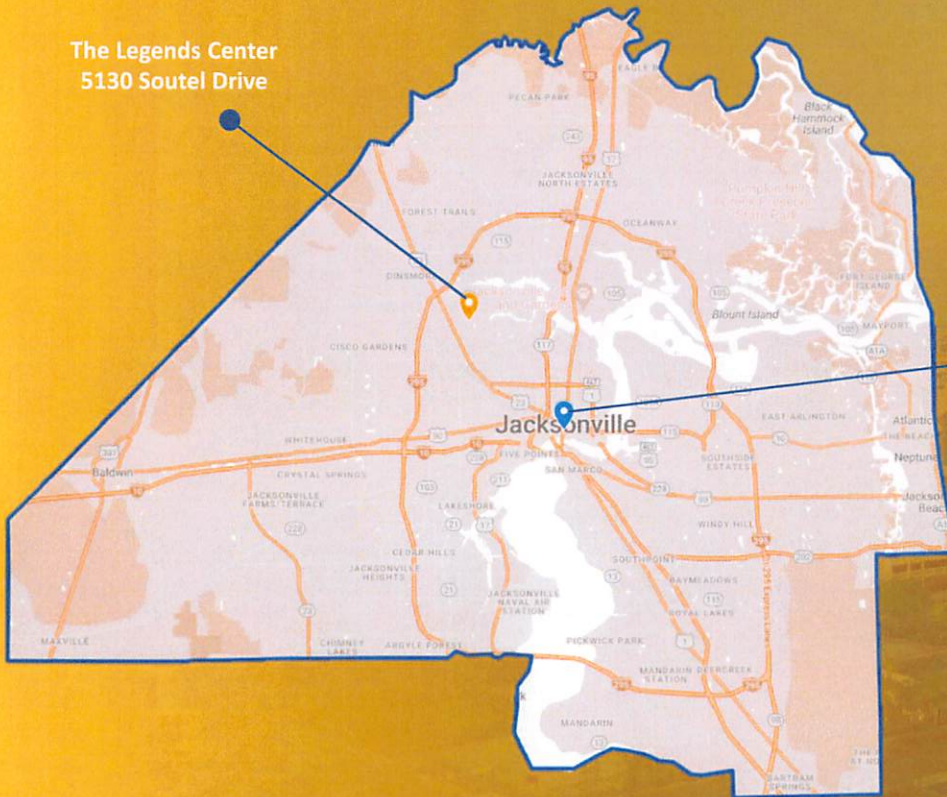
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## STAGE 1 COOLING BUSES

JTA Cooling Buses will serve as COJ Cooling Center locations  
**12 p.m. - 6 p.m.** when Heat Emergencies occur on a **Sunday**.

The Legends Center  
5130 Soutel Drive

Main Library  
303 N. Laura Street



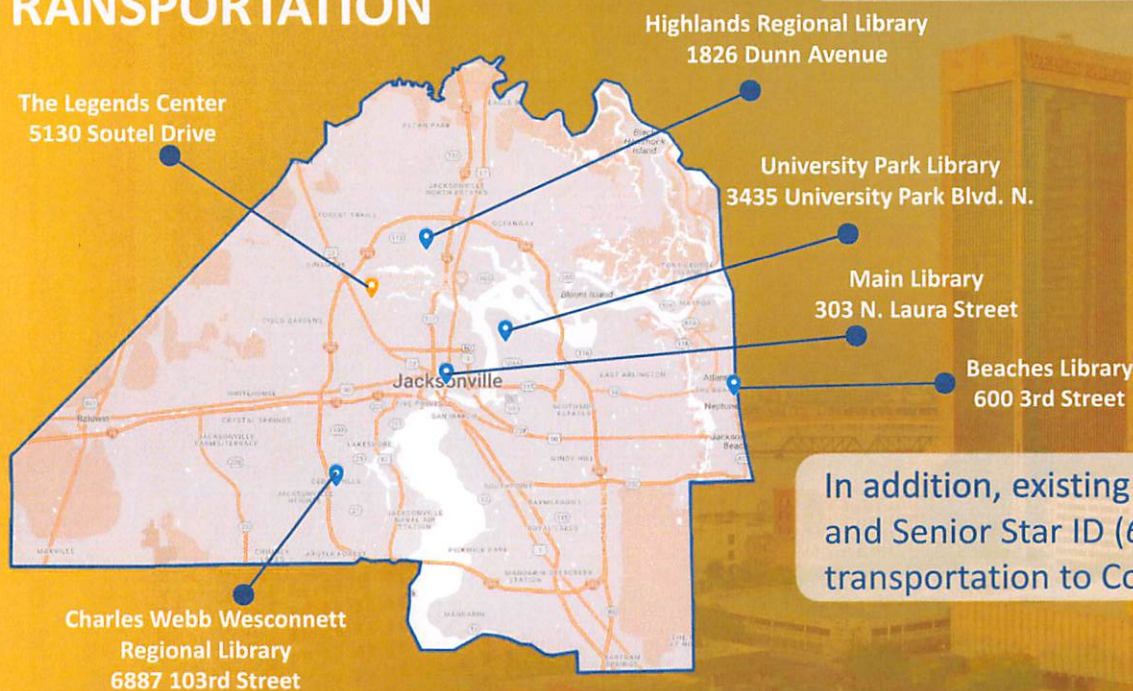


# PHASE 3

## TRANSPORTATION

JTA will provide ***complimentary rides*** to anyone seeking transportation to the Cooling Centers on the following routes ***when Cooling Centers are activated.***

Facility	Routes
The Legends Center	3, 4, 22
Highlands Regional Library	1B, 3
University Park Library	19, 50A
Main Library	1, 3 & Skyway
Beaches Library	10B
Charles Webb Wesconnett Regional Library	13, 16, 30, 53



In addition, existing customers of JTA's Connexion (*paratransit*) and Senior Star ID (65+) can utilize these services to obtain transportation to Cooling Centers.

