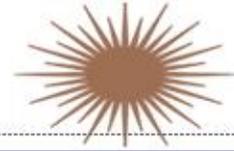


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Arizona Department of Health Services



HEALTH AND WELLNESS FOR ALL ARIZONANS

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ADHS Water Drive III **Photo Opportunity**

More than 100 people died last year in Arizona because of the heat. Year in and year out, the homeless and the elderly have the highest risk for severe heat related illnesses in Arizona. Both of these populations face challenges staying hydrated in the Arizona summer months. Arizona has a solid partnership of outreach groups and volunteers that help make it easier for the elderly and homeless to stay hydrated, but they often face shortages of water.

In order to do our part, for the third year in a row, ADHS employees have donated bottled water to the cause. The Department's goal is 75,000 bottles of water. On Friday, we're going to pile all the water in the parking lot; groups that serve the homeless and provide relief to those in need will be picking it up.

IN PHOENIX

WHAT: Bottle Water Drive

WHEN: Friday, May 31, 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Parking lot on west side of 1740 W. Adams

WHO: Arizona Department of Health Services' staff & representatives from agencies in need of water.

IN TUCSON

WHAT: Bottle Water Drive

WHEN: Friday, May 31, 9:30 a.m.

WHERE: Parking area on the West Entrance on 400 W Congress

WHO: Arizona Department of Health Services' staff & representatives from agencies in need of water

The timing is crucial. We're heading into the hottest months of the year. Please share with your readers, listeners and viewers the places they can contribute if they're are interested.

We welcome you to come by, video and photograph the work and talk to the folks who are donating as well as the groups who are moving the water wave to those who need it.

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