

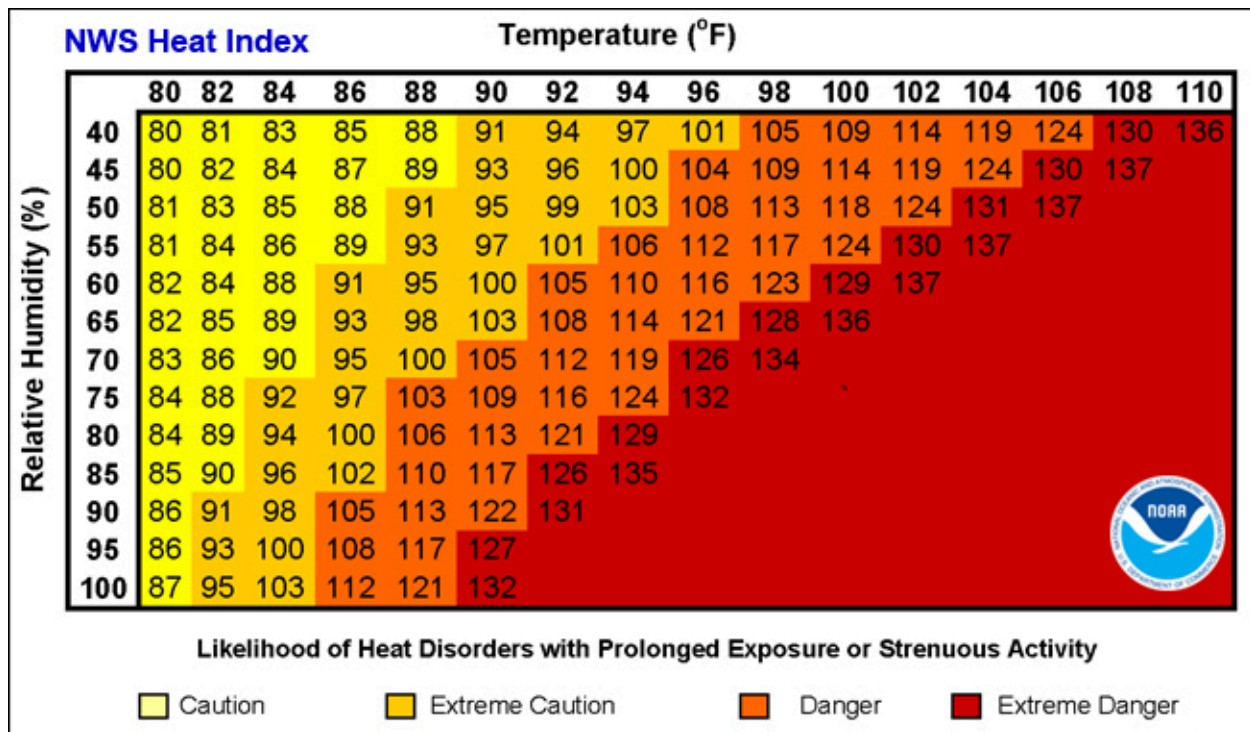
Smirkus Heat Actions Protocol 2025 Big Top Tour

Actions from lower heat levels should still be in place at higher heat levels. When feasible and as decided by responsible parties actions from higher protocol levels should be included even if criteria to execute is not met.

General Heat Communication

- ☐ Let staff know over Telegram groupchat and radio responsible parties when High Heat Protocol is required
- ☐ Staff and troupers should review high heat safety and signs/symptoms of Heat Stroke/Exhaustion
- ☐ Encourage everyone to rest in shaded areas, drink lots of water and electrolytes, and to cool off with wet towels and bandanas, fans, opening up costumes to let skin breathe, running through the sprinkler etc.
- ☐ Expect that spectators will be uncomfortable and grumpy in high temps

Protocol criteria is based on the Heat Index which is a combination of the temperature and relative humidity as shown in the table below.



<https://www.weather.gov/safety/heat-index>

Sunny Day Protocol (yellow caution zone)

Criteria: performance takes place at a time that is expected to be both warm out and sunny (most days in the summer!). This is our default to keep conditions in Chapiteau comfortable.

Consistently available:

- ☐ Ice in ice machines - Pie Car + Operations
- ☐ Gatorade/ electrolyte drinks for Smirkos & staff - Pie Car
- ☐ Fruit pops and freeze pops for Smirkos & staff - Pie Car

Actions to prepare morning of:

- ☐ Cupola flaps open for ventilation - Tent Crew
- ☐ Sidewall lifted halfway up - Tent Crew
- ☐ Fans on under bleachers - TD/ Nate
- ☐ Fans running in backstage tent for air circulation - Coaches & Counselors
- ☐ Sprinklers connected and placed adjacent to Millie for audience - Backlot

High Heat Protocol (amber extreme caution zone)

Criteria: The heat index temperature is 90° F or above

Performance Heat Mitigation

- ☐ Bucket of ice water in backstage tent with towels & bandanas - Counselors
 - ☐ Change water often to keep cold and lessen spreading of germs
- ☐ Trouper vans running AC near the backstage tent for troupers to get into as needed - Counselors
- ☐ Cupola fans on - TD/Nate
- ☐ Make sure that ice water and cooling bandanas are regularly replenished for tech & band members - TD
- ☐ Hand out free water to anyone who looks in distress (coordinated with concessions). Ask ushers to inform you of any audience members in distress. - House Manager
- ☐ Stay alert for elderly and infirm spectators as they have a higher likelihood of experiencing heat exhaustion. - House Manager
- ☐ Buy extra ice to refill ice machine and store in available freezer space in pantry and reefer - Operations
- ☐ Prep small bags of ice (using cotton candy bags) to have on hand for audience members and keep in reefer - Operations

Non-performance Heat Mitigation

- ☐ Ice and water purchased if not available - Pie Car + Operations
- ☐ Gatorade/ electrolyte drinks/ pickle juice for Smirkos & staff - Pie Car
- ☐ Fruit pops and freeze pops for Smirkos & staff - Pie Car
- ☐ Mandatory cool off breaks for all working in the heat - Operations
- ☐ Ahead of time reminding staff to work slow - Operations
- ☐ Pull out orange fans to make cooling wall - Operations
- ☐ Set up sprinklers, use hose with nozzle at Pie truck - Backlot, freshwater team
- ☐ Prioritizing drink setup for shade - Tent Crew & setup hands
- ☐ Overheating individuals should rest in AC spaces: trailer Office, Moby, and the Reefer if needed

Crisis Response (orange danger zone)

Criteria: Heat index temperature is above 103° F, OR the town has called an excessive heat watch/warning, OR more than 2 Smirkos or staff require attention for heat exhaustion

Show alterations:

- ☐ Be prepared to go to tracks rather than live music if instruments and band members are compromised. - SM & Production Team
- ☐ Adjust costumes for performer safety: remove layers and tight fitting garments as possible - SM, Wardrobe, coaches
- ☐ Enact shortened "hot show" order for trouper safety - SM & coaches
- ☐ No sidewall - Tent Crew

Causes for cancellation:

- ☐ High volume of emails from ticket holders warning that it will be dangerous for them to attend - Tawnya
- ☐ Local events and town messaging suggests rescheduling for safety - Operations
- ☐ All completed heat mitigation actions show no significantly impact to dangerous temperatures in Chapiteau - Operations, SM, House Manager
- ☐ Multiple audience members collapse/pass out during the show. Determine if the show needs to be stopped to allow the audience to go outside for air/shade or to their cars for A/C. - House Manager, Operations
- ☐ GM will determine refund policy if the show is canceled due to heat and how far into the show we can say no to refunds. - Tawnya & Rachel