

**Information from the King County Office of Emergency Management on Number of Shelters
Operating during June 2021 Heat Dome**

From our after action survey, there were 16 responses from local (city) jurisdictions answering “yes” to the question “did your jurisdiction open a cooling center.” We did not ask for number of people in the cooling centers, only if they were used (and all 16 reported that they were used).

From our situational reports known as “Snapshots,” here is what we collected and disseminated (these are distributed at the end of an operational period, generally in the evening):

- Prior to event (6/25): DCHS reported keeping 4th and Jefferson Day Center open as a cooling center; KCLS offered 16 locations on Friday and Saturday as cooling centers (during normal hours); Seattle had multiple locations set to be open, and 9 cities identified locations for cooling centers
- A later update to that report (6/25) had: 18 cities (excluding Seattle) opening 24 locations; DLS and DCHS opening the White Center Cooling Center for 24-hour operations; Metro used social media to remind people that their coaches are air conditioned; Seattle opening multiple locations; King County operating 4th and Jefferson
- On Saturday (6/26): KCLS generally closed on Sunday and Monday, but Vashon Island would be open on Monday; 20 cities (excluding Seattle) plus Vashon Island opening 30 locations; Seattle opening multiple locations; King County operating White Center and 4th and Jefferson sites
- On Sunday (6/27): KCLS generally closed on Monday, but Vashon Island would be open on Monday; 22 cities (excluding Seattle) plus Vashon Island opening 33+ locations; Seattle opening multiple locations; King County operating White Center and 4th and Jefferson sites
- On Monday (6/28): Pet/animal cooling center opened in Enumclaw, and Petco reminded people that pets are welcome in their stores; KCLS published list of branches to be open as cooling centers; 24 cities (excluding Seattle) plus Vashon Island opening 34+ locations; Seattle opening multiple locations; King County operating White Center and 4th and Jefferson sites; YMCA published list of locations that were open and accepting as cooling centers
- On Tuesday (6/29), the final Snapshot reported: Enumclaw pet/animal cooling center closing later that night; 4th and Jefferson going back to normal operations on Wednesday; White Center Cooling Center deactivating at 10:00a on Wednesday; this Snapshot simply referred readers to the KC Emergency Blog for information on cooling centers