

Be a Warming Center

Extreme cold can affect everyone, but can be especially dangerous to small children, the elderly and the chronically ill. Warming centers provide a warm, safe place for people to go during cold weather.

A warming center is a short-term emergency accommodation that operates when temperatures or a combination of precipitation, wind chill, wind and temperature become dangerously inclement. Their purpose is vital to the prevention of death and injury from exposure to the elements.

If your agency or facility would like to register as a warming center, please send an email to cathy.vaisvil@stl.unitedway.org with the following information:

- Agency/facility name
- Name of individual authorized to register agency/facility as warming center
- Physical address of agency/facility (city, state and zip code)
- Agency/facility phone number
- Hours of warming center operation
- Whether the agency/facility is ADA accessible
- Whether transportation to the agency/facility is provided by the agency/facility

Upon receipt of this information a United Way 2-1-1 team member will reach out to you directly before this information will appear on the [warming center map](#).

If you have any general questions concerning this process or need additional information, please contact Marcia Davis, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services at Marcia.davis@health.mo.gov or 573-526-8560.