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Communities across the state continue to open cooling shelters as hot temperatures and high humidity cause heat indexes to rise over 100+ degrees.

Pierce County Search: A 5 year old boy who had been missing since around noon on Tuesday was found safe this morning near his Prescott home. Pierce County officials have been conducting a search since yesterday for the boy, who is a non-speaking autistic child. He was found in a wooded area by a Good Samaritan and his dog, just a half mile away from his home. Officials say he has been reunited with his parents and appeared uninjured. He was taken to a local hospital as a precaution. Officials say over 1,000 volunteers were at the local school early this morning to assist with the search. Numerous resources from state and local fire, EMS, emergency management, law enforcement and volunteer agencies were used in the search. This includes air assets from WI State Patrol, Minnesota State Patrol and Lifeline Helicopter. In addition, a Department of Natural Resources Incident Management Team was deployed. Other state agencies involved in the search include Wisconsin Emergency Management, WI State Patrol and WI Department of Justice - Division of Criminal Investigation. Pierce County Sheriff Nancy Hove wanted to thank all volunteers and agencies from both Wisconsin and Minnesota that were involved in the search.

Here is the weather information:

Excessive Heat Warnings: The National Weather Service has issued Excessive Heat Warnings for most of southern Wisconsin until 10:00 p.m. Friday. The Wisconsin Department of Health Services has issued a Public Health Advisory due to the heat. Many communities have opened up cooling shelters where people can go to seek relief if they don't have air conditioning. A list of those cooling center is located at <http://ready.wi.gov/>. This list will be updated daily. Information is also available by contacting 2-1-1 Wisconsin. Simply call 2-1-1 or go to <http://www.211wisconsin.org/centers.html> for assistance.

Other heat-related information: Wisconsin Department of Transportation reports there were five lane closures on major highways in Dane, Chippewa, Columbia and Lincoln counties yesterday due to roads buckling from the heat. This morning, all lanes are open but motorists are advised to check their routes ahead of time for road construction and other possible delays by calling 511 or go to www.511wi.gov.

Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection has provided information for farmers and pet owners to help keep animals safe during this heat wave. In addition, emergency burning

restrictions remain in effect by the Department of Natural Resources. Information is available at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/ForestFire/restrictions.asp>

Wisconsin Emergency Management remains engaged with the local officials and state agencies in monitoring the heat wave. The State Emergency Operations Center currently remains at Level 4, monitoring events. While there have been no requests for state assistance, Wisconsin Emergency Management stands ready to help.