



# Heat Alerts

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NOTIFICATIONS ABOUT DANGEROUS HEAT AND GUIDANCE TO FRONTLINE CLINICS FOR VULNERABLE PATIENTS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES.

## What is the heat alerts program?

Alerts are sent out by email, and include dates and severity of expected heat, descriptions of at-risk patients, and resources to help clinics protect their patients. The program is a collaboration between the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and Climate Central.



These heat alerts are location-specific and are distributed using Climate Central's Realtime Climate alert system. This heat alert system was previously tested in health clinics across the U.S. last summer and has been updated with additional content and now includes dangerous heat forecasts from the [NOAA/CDC HeatRisk tool](#).

## Who is the intended audience?

Heat Alerts are meant for **practitioners** and **administrators** at **healthcare facilities**. The alerts contain information that clinicians can use to provide individualized support to patients. Staff can also utilize the alerts to send out guidance and resources to vulnerable patients ahead of expected heat events.

## What happens after I sign up?

We will provide you with real-time information about **upcoming heat events**, patients at **high risk** for heat-related health effects, and **actions** to mitigate these effects.

You will receive email alerts:

- **Up to five days before** an expected heat event
- During a **sustained** heat event
- When heat severity has been **upgraded** during an event



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## What resources do you provide?

The alerts include links to the [Harvard/Americares Heat Toolkit](#), as well as [CDC resources](#) for excessive heat. The toolkit includes heat action plans and disease-specific information, resources to send directly to patients in both English and Spanish, and guidance on heat preparedness for administrators.

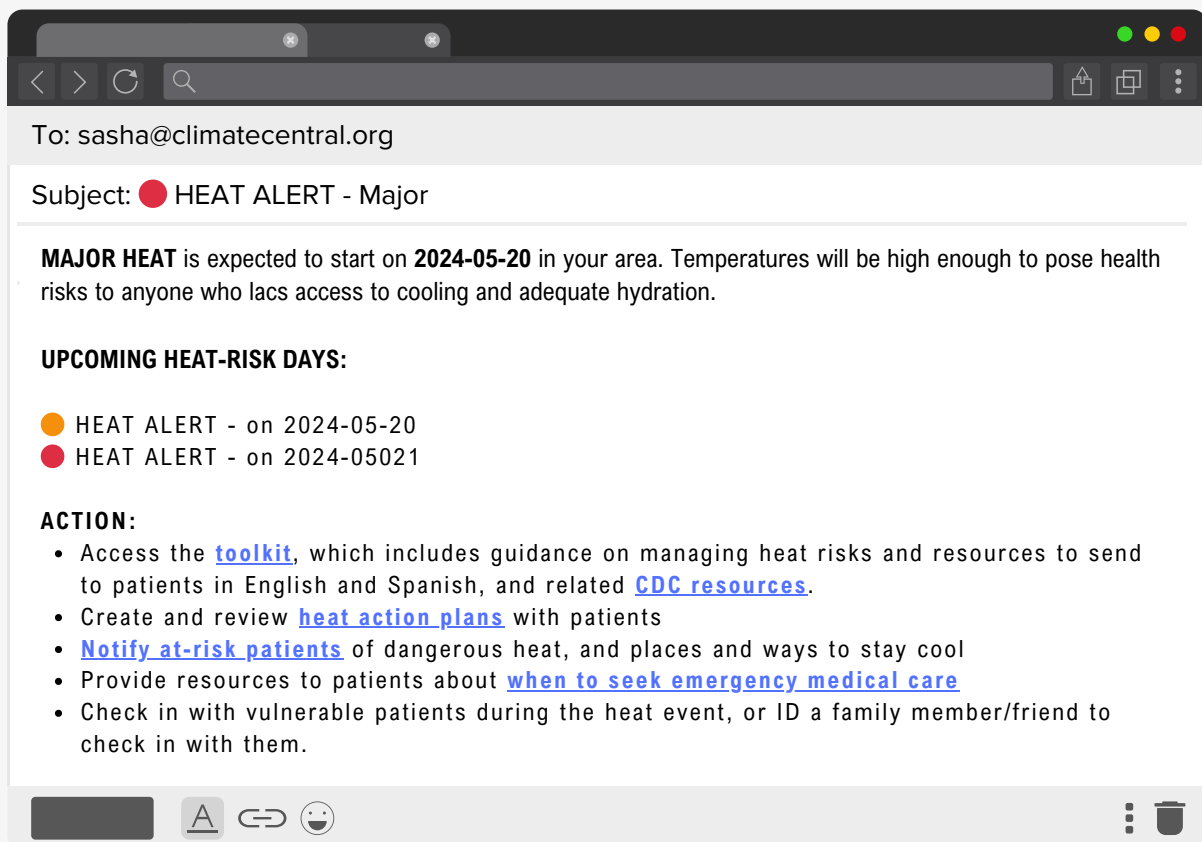
The message body includes **upcoming heat-risk days**, **actions** with links to resources, and a description of **who is at risk**.

## What do the alerts look like?

The alerts are designed to make it easy to find the information you need.

The subject line provides color-coded heat severity:

- HEAT ALERT - Moderate
- HEAT ALERT - Major
- HEAT ALERT - Extreme



## Questions?

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