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Hartford Public Library Is Part of Mayor's Warming Center Program

Dec. 15 — Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin has named all branches of Hartford Public Library as part of the city's warming centers resources.

Temperatures are expected to be in the low 20s and high teens for the next few days, and frigid winds are projected to bring the wind chill into single digits. With this in mind, warming centers provide temporary comfort during regular business hours. Residents in need of overnight shelter accommodations are encouraged to call 2-1-1 or visit the Cold Weather Welcome Center (60 Gold Street, Hartford).

Library hours and locations are:

Downtown, 500 Main St. Open Monday through Thursday, 10 am to 8 pm, Friday and Saturday, 10 am to 5 pm; and Sunday, 1 to 5 pm.

Albany Library Branch, 1250 Albany Avenue, Hours: Monday through Thursday, 11– 6 pm; Friday, noon to 5 pm.

Barbour Branch, 281 Barbour Street, Hours: Monday through Thursday, 11– 6 pm; Friday, noon to 5 pm.

Camp Field Branch, 30 Campfield Avenue, Hours: Monday through Thursday, 11– 6 pm; Friday, noon to 5 pm.

Dwight Branch, 7 New Park Avenue, Hours: Monday through Thursday, 11– 6 pm; Friday, noon to 5 pm.

Goodwin, 460 New Britain Avenue, Hours: Monday through Thursday, 11– 6 pm; Friday, noon to 5 pm.

Mark Twain Branch, 55 Forest Street, Hours: Monday through Friday, 1-5 pm;

Park Street Branch, 744 Park Street, Hours: Monday through Thursday, 11– 6 pm; Friday, noon to 5 pm.

SAND/Ropkins Branch, 1750 Main Street, Hours: Monday through Thursday, 11– 6 pm; Friday, noon to 5 pm.

The mayor's office advises residents to stay indoors if possible.

If you must go outside, wear several layers of loose-fitting, lightweight, warm clothing rather than one layer of heavy clothing.

Wear a hat and change wet clothes frequently to prevent loss of body heat.

Cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs.

Watch for signs of hypothermia: uncontrollable shivering, memory loss, disorientation, incoherence, slurred speech, drowsiness, and apparent exhaustion.

If symptoms of hypothermia are detected, get the victim to a warm location, remove wet clothing, warm the center of the body first and give warm, non-alcoholic beverages if the victim is conscious, followed by getting medical help.