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**Governor's Intergovernmental
Commission on Agriculture**



AGENDA

Welcome & Opening Remarks – *Secretary Kevin Atticks, Chair*

Approval of June 2026 Minutes

MDA Updates

Committee Responsibilities & Tasks

Agency & Member Reports & Updates

- Agritourism Definition – *Maryland Department of the Environment*
 - HR 272 Implementation – *Maryland Department of Health*
 - Heat Stress Standards – *Maryland Department of Labor*
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New Business

Old Business

Adjourn

UPDATES

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

- April Freeze
- BARC Closure
- Aquaculture/Seafood Marketing Workgroup
- Midges
- Deer Crop Damage

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RESPONSIBILITIES & TASKS

- Environment and Natural Resources Subcommittee
- Agritourism and Value Added Agriculture Subcommittee
- Labor, Education and Development Subcommittee

Agritourism Update



Maryland
Department of
the Environment

Draft Definition for 2026 Stormwater Management Regulations

“Agritourism” means an activity conducted on a farm that is:

- (1) Secondary to the primary agricultural activities of the farm; and
- (2) Offered to a member of the general public for the purpose of education, recreation, or active involvement in the farm operation.

“Agritourism” includes:

- (1) Farm tours;
- (2) Hayrides;
- (3) Corn mazes;
- (4) Seasonal petting farms;
- (5) Farm museums;
- (6) Pumpkin patches;
- (7) “Pick your own” or “cut your own” produce;
- (8) Classes related to agricultural products or skills; and
- (9) Picnic or party facilities offered in conjunction with any agritourism facility.

Stormwater Definition

- Reviewed and approved by MDA
- Based on model definition in § 4-212 of Land Use Article
- Adds “secondary” requirement
- Removes camping, overnight stays

Other Stormwater Reg Provisions

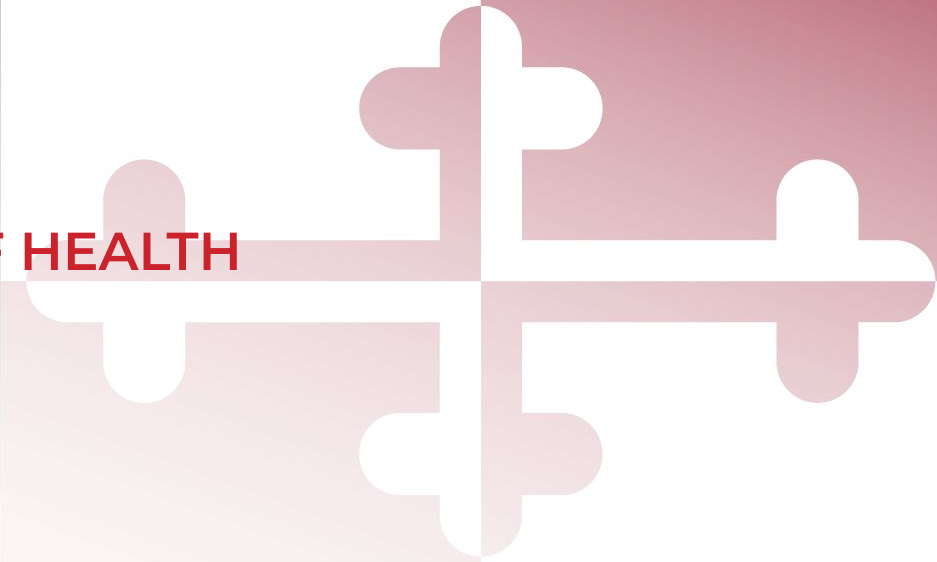
- Consideration of cropland for sheet flow management - already exists in Poultry House CAFO Standard Plan
- Standard Plan for agritourism parking - after regulations are finalized

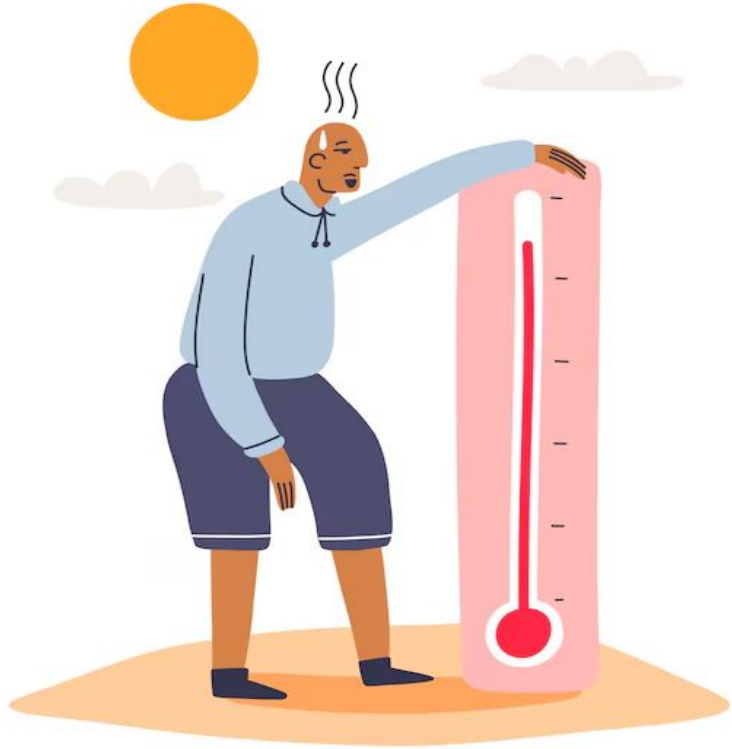
On-Farm Food Service Provisions

- Required under HB 272 of 2026
- Placeholder already in adopted emergency regulations, permanent reference in pending septic system regulations
- Reviewing MDH preliminary draft and working on consistency with definitions

HB 272

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH





MD Heat Regulation Updates

(COMAR 09.12.32)

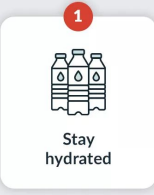
Created by Maryland Occupational Safety
and Health (MOSH)

Heat Illness Prevention and Management

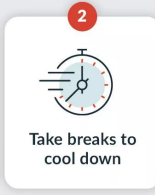
- **Plan**  Develop, implement, and maintain (in writing)

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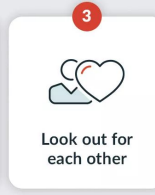
- Monitoring Heat Index
- Acclimatization
- Shade access
- Drinking Water 
- Alternative cooling methods
- High heat procedures 
- Emergency response
 - Heat-related illness treatment

- Work/F
 - Training 
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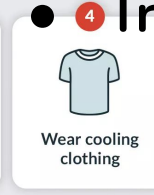
1
Stay hydrated



2
Take breaks to cool down



3
Look out for each other



4
Wear cooling clothing



5
Reduce workload



Monitor the Heat Index



- Heat index monitoring by employer
 - Throughout the work shift in work areas
- Measure
 - Temp. & humidity simultaneously/directly
 - Local weather data 
 - OSHA-NIOSH Heat Safety Tool App

<https://www.osha.gov/heat-exposure/hazards>

<https://www.osha.gov/otm/section-3-health-hazards/chapter-4>



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OSHA-NIOSH Heat Safety Tool

OSHA Heat Safety Tool

Get Current Get Today Max

Or Enter Numbers:

Temperature: 89 °F Humidity: 80 % Calculate

Heat Index: 109.7 °F

Risk Level: HIGH

Precautions

Home More Info

The App indicates the hazard levels as:

- Caution (less than 80°F HI)
- Warning (80°F – 94°F HI)
- Danger (95°F HI or higher)

Offers recommended actions to protect workers.

Alternative **Cooling** and Control Measures

1. Must be readily available and accessible to employees at all times work is being performed
2. Must be documented in writing
3. Do not supersede any other requirements of the chapter





Portable Cooling Fans





Portable AC



Shade



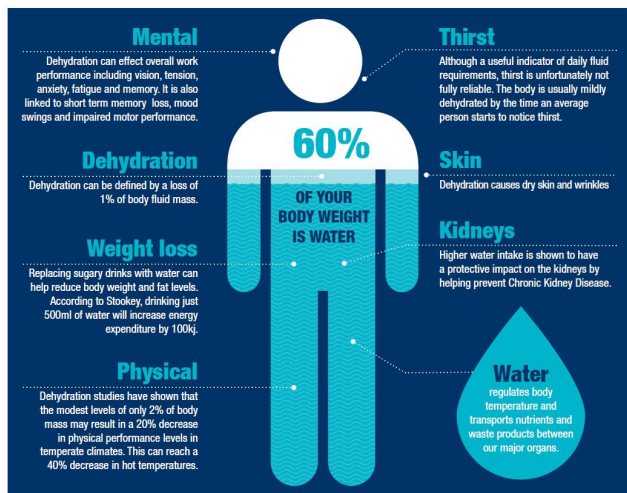


Hydration





Cooling PPE



Signage



Recognize the Signs of Heat Illness

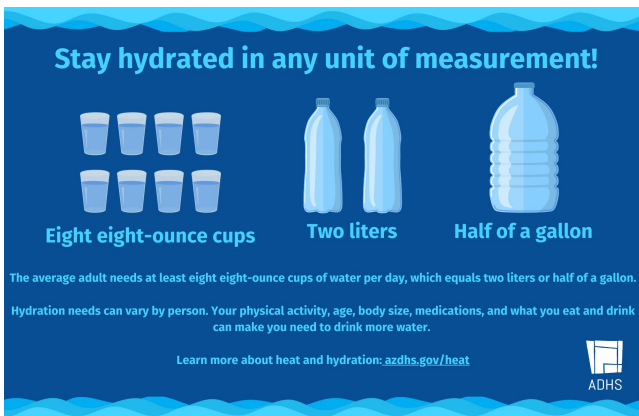
Heat Cramps	Heat Exhaustion	Heat Stroke
- muscular pains/spasms - cramps most often attack the abdomen and legs	- cool, moist, pale skin - heavy sweating - headache - nausea or vomiting - dizziness	- most severe, can be fatal - hot, red, dry skin - rapid, weak pulse - rapid, shallow breathing

CALL 9-1-1 IMMEDIATELY!

Prevent Dehydration



For more information please visit: <http://www.public.navy.mil/navsafcen>



Dehydrated? Urine trouble.



Don't wait to hydrate! Prevent heat illness.



[osha.gov/heat](https://www.osha.gov/heat)



HEAT EXHAUSTION

Symptoms

- Faint or Dizzy
- Headache
- Profuse Sweating
- Irritability
- Weak, Rapid Pulse
- Shallow Breathing
- Pale, Cool, Clammy Skin
- Nausea or Vomiting
- Muscle Cramps

Treatment

1. Have casualty lie down in a cool shaded or air conditioned area.
2. Drink water if casualty is conscious.
3. Use caution when casualty stands up, apply cold compress.

HEAT STROKE

Symptoms

- Absence of Sweating
- Pulsating Headache
 - Hot, Red, Dry Skin
- High Body Temp: Above 103°F
 - Nausea or Vomiting
 - Strong, Rapid Pulse
 - Confusion
 - Convulsions
- May Lose Consciousness

Treatment

1. **DIAL 999 / 112**
2. Take action to cool casualty by any means. Place casualty in a cool area. Wrap in wet towel, sponge casualty with cool water.



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SELECTEQUIP



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Resources

Training:

[Be Cool](#)

[MOSH Heat Stress Webinar](#)

MOSH Heat Stress Regulation and Guidance Documents **New**

- [Maryland Heat Stress Illness Prevention Standard](#)
The COMAR 09.12.32 **Heat Stress Standards** are effective as of **September 30, 2024**
- [Norma de prevención de enfermedades por estrés térmico de Maryland](#)
Las normas de estrés térmico COMAR 09.12.32 entran en vigor a partir del **30 de septiembre de 2024**
- [Key Requirements: Maryland Heat Stress Standards](#)
- [Requisitos clave: Estándares de estrés térmico de Maryland](#)
- [Summary of Key Maryland Requirements Fact Sheet](#)
- [Hoja informativa sobre el resumen de los requisitos clave de Maryland](#)
- [OPTIONAL Heat Illness Prevention\(HIP\) Model Program for Maryland Employers](#)
- [Programa Modelo de Prevención de Enfermedades Causadas por el Calor \(HIP\) OPCIONAL para Empleadores de Maryland](#)
- [Maryland's New Heat Stress Standard Recorded Webinar](#)



<https://labor.maryland.gov/labor/mosh/moshheatstress.shtml>

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FUTURE MEETING DATES

- **October 1, 2026** - *Subcommittees*
- **December 3, 2026** - *Full Commission*



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