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Two additional heat-related deaths reported

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The Alabama Department of Public Health has received reports of two additional heat-related deaths in Alabama that have occurred since Aug. 21, bringing the total number of deaths to 14.

In addition, Alabama hospital data indicate that the heat has been the principal cause of 133 hospital admissions and was the reason an additional 437 persons came to hospital emergency rooms for treatment.

A breakdown of the ages of those individuals who visited hospital emergency rooms, who were admitted to hospitals because of heat, or who suffered a heat-related death is as follows:

- 1 through 14 years – 28 persons
- 15 through 24 years – 121 persons
- 25 through 44 years – 217 persons
- 45 through 59 years – 121 persons
- Over age 60 – 97 persons

Heat-related deaths have been reported in these Alabama counties during August 2007: Autauga, Chilton, Chambers, Coffee, Elmore, Greene, Henry, Lowndes, Montgomery and Morgan.

To help keep the public updated about heat-related illnesses reported, the Alabama Department of Public Health Web site, www.adph.org, includes a link on its front page. A state map provides the number of cumulative heat-related illnesses and deaths by county. Other information classifies totals by status, age group and sex.