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As New Orleans faces extreme summer heat, Xavier University of Louisiana is actively ensuring the well-being of its community. Recognizing the urgent need for relief from the dangerously high temperatures, Xavier University, in collaboration with the New Orleans Health Department and the New Orleans Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, has opened the doors of its Convocation Center as an "emergency cooling center."

Xavier is committed to being a good neighbor and playing an active role in safeguarding the health and safety of New Orleans residents. The emergency cooling center is located in the lobby of the Convocation Center and operates from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. through July 3rd and again on July 5th. During these hours, individuals can seek refuge from the scorching heat, accessing cool air and water in the building to ensure they don't overheat and remain hydrated.

"We are proud to partner with local agencies to provide this essential service to our community," said Maxwell Milam, Xavier's emergency management coordinator. "Our goal is to offer a safe and comfortable environment where people can find relief from the extreme temperatures."

This initiative is just one of the many ways Xavier University supports the city of New Orleans and demonstrates its steadfast dedication to community engagement and public health. As temperatures soar, the university's cooling center will provide much-needed relief, helping protect vulnerable individuals and maintain the well-being of the city's residents.

For more information about the cooling center, contact Xavier University of Louisiana's emergency management coordinator at mmilam@xula.edu or 404-927-2534.



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