It’s good to know if it’s going to be hot today, but it’s critical to know if that heat will last for days. Heat waves are life threatening to vulnerable people like the elderly, sick, and very young who need relief from the heat, access to air conditioned centers, water, and information about when to limit their outdoor activities. The Public Health Association relies on NOAA weather data to identify heat waves early so our public health network can better prepare to respond to that vulnerable population. – Georges Benjamin

During heat waves the elderly, sick, and very young are especially vulnerable.

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