



## **Know Your Rights - Code Blue & Code Red**

The Department of Homeless Services has policies called “Code Blue” for winter nights and “Code Red” for summer nights when at least one of the following extreme weather conditions occurs:

### **Code Blue**

- temperature below 32 degrees OR wind chill below 0 degrees
- ice storms or freezing rain OR snow greater than 6 inches

### **Code Red**

- heat index of 90 degrees is predicted by the National Weather Service with in 24 hours

### **What changes during Code Red and Code Blue?**

- Drop in centers are required to take as many clients as possible, within the Department of Buildings restrictions
- Anyone in need of a place to go can walk into single adult or family shelters, without undergoing typical intake and eligibility procedures for the night in question
- For single adults who have been in shelter in the past this includes that clients can access any shelter, not just their assigned shelter for the night in question
- Cooling / heating vans or centers may be provided
- More outreach teams will be on the streets to offer services and shelter
- No shelter suspensions or sanctions can be carried out on these dates – clients who have been sanctioned can return to the shelter for the night in question, if necessary

### **Crisis Intervention Program- Coalition for the Homeless**

**129 Fulton Street**

**Take the 2,3,4,5,A, C, J or Z train to Fulton Street/Broadway/Nassau Street Stations**

**\*We serve clients on a first come, first served basis with a limit to the numbers of clients we can see each day. As a result arrive by 8am to sign up to see an advocate.**