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DART offers free rides to only overnight cooling shelter in county

Residents trying to reach the only overnight cooling shelter in Polk County can ride there for free on DART buses.

An overnight cooling shelter has been established at Zion Lutheran Church at 4300 Beaver Avenue in Des Moines. The shelter will be open overnight from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. on both Monday and Tuesday nights. Doors are locked at 10 p.m. each night.

DART is offering free rides to the shelter, which is along Route 14. The offer is good on all local routes from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on both Monday and Tuesday evenings. To ride for free, passengers need only tell the bus operator that they are going to the overnight cooling shelter. Those who stay overnight at the shelter can get a free return trip in the morning by catching the bus at the nearest stop to the shelter, at the intersection of Aurora Avenue and 46th Street.

Schedule information is available online at www.ridedart.com or by calling the Customer Service Line at 515-283-8100 until 7 p.m. For calls after 7 p.m., please call 515-283-8108.

The Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority is the public transportation provider that serves Polk County. DART operates a family of transportation services that makes getting around the Greater Des Moines area easier and more convenient. For more information about DART services, schedules, route changes, or directions to the nearest DART stop, visit the website at www.ridedart.com or call 515-283-8100.