Urban Heat in Montréal: Addressing the challenges of rising heat waves



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Urban Heat Island: Phenomenon that reflects higher temperatures in urban areas than in surrounding rural areas Heat Wave: Three consecutive days of temperatures of or higher than 30°C

Physical Health Effects

- Exacerbation of chronic illnesses
- Heat Stroke
- Excessive Sweating
- Trouble remaining conscious & Blackouts
- Headaches
- Muscle Cramps and Sweating

Mental Health Effects

- Increased anxiety
- Increased aggression & violence
- Risky Behaviours
- Increased Stress
- Sleep Disturbances







Elderly

Infants & Children

Living alone

Vulnerable Populations







Low income

Those with **Athletes** Chronic &

Psychological Disorders

9.3 in 2010

6.4 in 2018

Daily Death rate per million

Source: Institut national de santé publique du Québec, 2018

Recommendations







existing policies

Improve efficacy of Limit social isolation through Address mental health community programs

challenges

Address environment, health & social isolation implications multidimensionally





Reduce neighbourhood health **ineq**ualities