

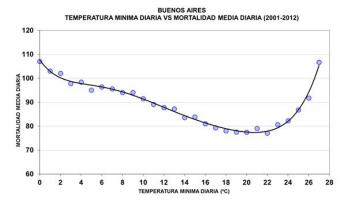


# Early Warning System in Argentina: the result of a collaborative work

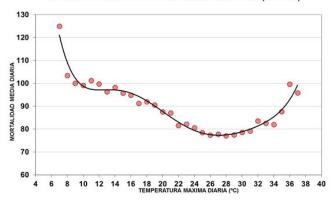
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## **Heatwave Early Warning System**



#### BUENOS AIRES TEMPERATURA MAXIMA DIARIA VS MORTALIDAD MEDIA DIARIA (2001-2012)



#### Almeira G, Rusticucci M, Suaya M (2016)

#### SISTEMA DE ALERTAS SOBRE OLAS DE CALOR Y SALUD

El Servicio Meteorológico Nacional (SMN), puso en marcha en el período estival 2009 - 2010, un nuevo servicio a la comunidad en el área de Meteorología y Salud, denominado SISTEMA DE ALERTAS SOBRE OLAS DE CALOR Y SALUD PARA LA CIUDAD AUTONOMA DE BUENOS AIRES Y ALREDEDORES, y lo vuelve a implementar, a partir del martes 1 de noviembre, para el presente verano 2011 - 2012.

#### ESTADO DEL NIVEL DE ALERTA POR OLAS DE CALOR Y SALUD

Fecha de Actualización: 20/02/2012 Hora: 06:00

ESTADO ACTUAL EFECTO SOBRE LA MORTALIDAD
VERDE SIN EFECTO SOBRE LA SALUD

\* Este estado será actualizado cuando vuelvan a registrarse condiciones para una nueva alerta por ola de calor

Source: National Meteorological Service

### **Heat Wave - December 2013**



Un diciembre complicado Para este fin de semana se esperan otra vez máximas sofocantes. Cómo seguirá el tiempo.













# MORTALITY DUE TO HEAT WAVES IN THE WARMER SEMESTER 2013-2014 IN THE CENTER AND NORTH REGIONS OF ARGENTINA REPUBLIC. AN ECOLOGICAL RESEARCH

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### **Conclusions of the research**

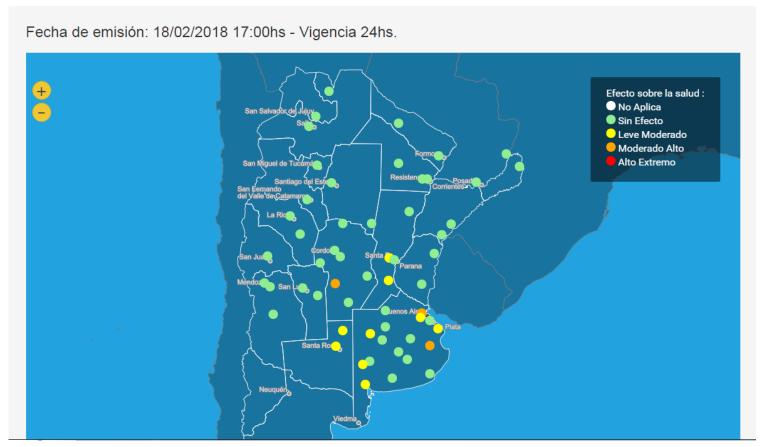
- During the summer 2013-2014 there were three heat waves with large duration and temperature intensity.
- The mortality during the heat waves of the summer 2013-2014 showed increases in the general mortality rate as well as in the specific mortality rates related to age, sex and cause of death.
- The greatest differences between significant and non-significant increases in mortality risk were observed in the extreme average maximum temperature (≥ P95) of heat waves.

# Early Warning System of Heat Waves and Health



Working meeting: National Meteorological Service – Ministry of Health and Social Development

#### **Current Early Warning System of Heat Wave and Health**



https://www.smn.gob.ar/smn\_alertas/olas\_de\_calor

# Recomendaciones del Ministerio de Salud ante las altas temperaturas

Para sobrellevar el impacto de las altas temperaturas pronosticadas para esta semana, la cartera sanitaria nacional recomienda beber abundante agua y consumir frutas y verduras frescas, entre otros hábitos saludables

Compartir en redes sociales







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#### **Recommendations for general population**

- Drink water over the course of the day, even if you do not have sensation of thirst.
- Eat fresh meals, such as fruits and vegetables.
- Avoid alcoholic or very sweet drinks and warm infusions.
- Wear loose, light-colored and lightweight material clothing.
- Ensure that your body gets sufficient liquid before, during and after outdoor activities.
- Protect yourself from direct sun by head covering or sunshade.

#### Recommendations for infants and young children

- Breastfeed them more frequently.
- Give them fresh and safe drinking water.
- Keep them in fresh and ventilated places.

# Permanent Work Group of Climate Change and Health



Goal: To contribute to the development of a National Policy of Climate Change in order to minimize the associated sanitary risks.

# Departments involved in the Permanent Work Group of Climate Change and Health

Coordination of Socio-environmental policies

Coordination of Vector control

**Coordination of Zoonoses** 

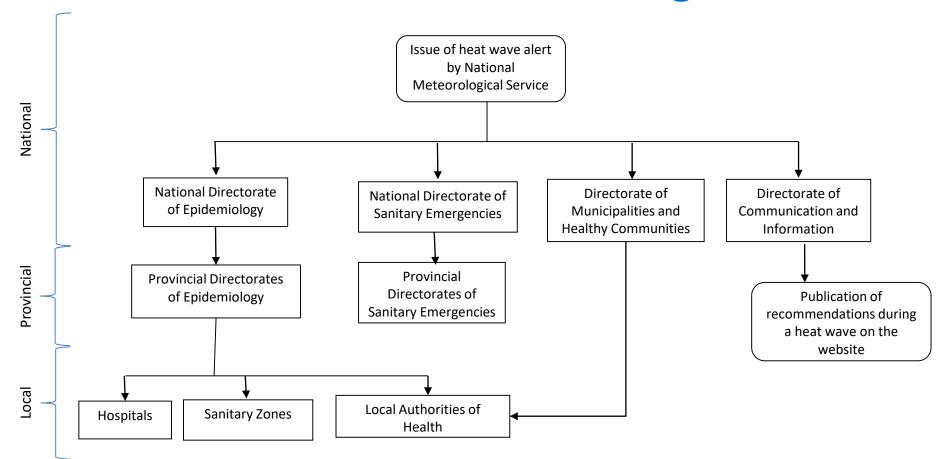
Coordination of Health Situation Room

National Directorate of Sanitary Emergencies

Directorate of Municipalities and Healthy Communities

National Directorate of Medical Equipment and Health Facilities

### **Communication Flow Diagram**



### **Future Actions**

- Disseminate the early warning system to the provincial counterparts.
- Elaborate recommendations for implementing actions in primary health care and hospital care for each level of alert.
- Document and assess the process.



#### Secretaría de Salud



# ¡Thanks for your attention!