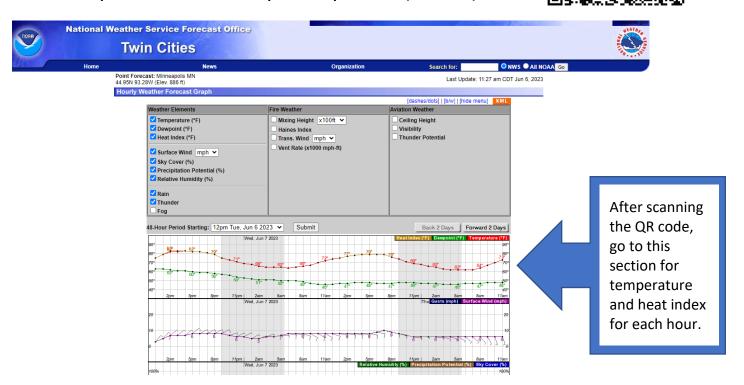
ECC Outside Play Guidelines (Summer)

- Our goal is to be outside every day when possible.
- When there is a heat advisory and/or the heat index is **100 degrees** or higher, children will stay inside.
- When the heat index is 90 degrees or above, teachers may choose to stay inside or to take children outside for 20 minutes or less, and hydrate well afterwards.
- We use the National Weather Service hourly forecast to make these determinations.
- You can use this QR code to see current temperature for Temple's zip code (55405):



- Additionally, if the air quality is in the orange zone or higher children will stay inside. If the air quality is in the yellow zone we will go outside and keep an extra close eye on children with asthma to see if they may need their medication.
- You can use this QR code to see the current air quality for Temple's zip code (55405):

ECC Outside Play Guidelines (Winter)

- Our goal is to be outside every day when possible.
- Our general guideline for all learners is that we go outside when the wind chill and temperature are both 10 degrees or above, with two caveats:
 - Our teachers find that for our youngest learners, 15 degrees is preferable for them.
 - Teachers use their judgement. If it's forecast to be just under 10 or 15 degrees (depending upon age group) for both wind chill and temperature, at the time when each class is scheduled to be outside, then teachers are likely to choose to go outside if they think it will be enjoyable for learners. Our teachers base their decision on factors such as the weather in recent days, whether or not it is sunny, etc. This flexible approach gets children outside more frequently.

We use the National Weather Service hourly forecast specifically for Temple's zip code (55405) to make these determinations, which can be found at this QR Code:

