



Grand Traverse County Senior Center Network: *Making longer lives, better lives*

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Senior Center Programming Suspended

Traverse City, MI – Beginning Monday, March 16, 2020, the Grand Traverse County Senior Center Network will suspend all programming, including the congregate meal program, at all locations (Traverse City, Acme, Fife Lake, Kingsley, and Interlochen) until further notice.

Senior Center Network Manager Lori Wells explained that the decision to temporarily cease programming is because “the older adult population is at highest risk for contracting COVID-19, and we have a responsibility to do our part to flatten the curve, to slow the spread of this virus.”

Although programming will be suspended, the Traverse City Senior Center Network location will remain open to serve as an information hub, and one-on-one income tax preparation service scheduled there will continue. Wells said that all patrons who enter the Traverse City building will be screened, and required to wash their hands upon entry and exit. Screening will include questions about feeling well, recent travel, and exposure to others who have traveled.

Until programming resumes, Wells said it will be a “priority” for staff to contact seniors by telephone to conduct wellness checks, and to also be available by phone to provide information and assistance, as needed. “The health and safety of our seniors, their families, our staff, and the community at large is our top priority.”

The Senior Center’s website will be updated daily, and members of the community may call the Senior Center any time during regular business hours for more information.

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