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Dear Senior Center Line Dancers:

I hope this letter finds you well and free from all things COVID. Since early March, the Senior Center has had to reorganize and rethink everything we do for seniors in Grand Traverse County. It's been a challenge, to say the least. Our first concern has been the well-being of our over 5,000 members. Social isolation is no joke and knowing that so many of our members have no family or have no way to communicate using virtual technology, has been heartbreaking. Working with the Commission on Aging, over 6,000 calls have been made to seniors in the community. We've been checking to make sure people have what they need and give assurances that there are resources to help when help is needed.

Now, as our county begins to open up, the senior center has been in daily conversations about how we can do this responsibly. Since March, we have been handing out meals weekly at four locations, managing exercise, music and yoga classes virtually with community television and making telephone assurance calls. Now, it's time to look at group activity. The first activities we are working on resuming are those that can be held outside or held inside with a one on one appointment.

This brings us to Line Dancing. We are excited to let you know that we are going to offer line dancing outside on the tennis courts at the Traverse City Senior Center on Thursdays, beginning July 9, 2020. I have met with Chris Bowie, Nancy Dloski, and Janet Reed, who have agreed to teach the classes. The fee for each class will be \$5.00/person. Please bring correct change to minimize contact exposure for our instructors. We have arranged for a new sound system and we tried it out today! Please be patient, show grace and understanding to your fellow dancers and staff as we navigate these uncharted waters.

In an effort to provide this activity in a safe and responsible manner, we have a list of required procedures:

Participants must be Senior Center members. No guests and no exceptions.

A Health screening questionnaire will be required within 24 of EVERY class. I have provided a link below for quick access at home.

A COVID waiver will be required to be signed. A link is provided below.

Registration is required for every class. Call the Senior Center to make your reservation.

Face coverings are preferred unless directed by a health care provider otherwise.

Participants are expected to maintain at least six feet of distancing from non-household members during class.

Volunteers will facilitate the class and assure all protocol is followed and report non-compliance to senior center management.

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If at any time compliance of participants is an issue, the class may be cancelled and future plans postponed.

Suggestions:

The court is softer than pavement. Wear non-skid shoes. You may want to bring a couple pairs to see what works best. **NO BOOTS** please!

Plan for weather. Dress appropriately. Consider sunscreen, sunglasses and outerwear.

Class will be called by 9:00 a.m. if weather is questionable.

Bring a lawn chair to sit down during breaks.

Use of the building is by appointment only. Outdoor restrooms are available.

Spectators will be asked to sit outside of the fenced in courts.

If at any time, I feel we are not able to manage this process or that users are not complying with our guidelines, we reserve the right to cancel any or all reservations at any time. The safety and well-being of our members is our greatest concern and I will take whatever steps necessary to assure that.

Please [Click Here](#) to be directed to our website for the required **COVID Waiver and COVID Health Screening Questionnaire**. The waiver is only required to be signed, once. The Health Screening Questionnaire is required within 24 hours of EVERY activity you participate in at the Senior Center.

It is preferred that these be completed online, prior to arriving at the senior center, to minimize contact exposure for your fellow players. Paper copies will be available if needed.

PLEASE DO NOT SHARE THIS EMAIL WITH OTHERS. IF YOU KNOW OF PEOPLE WHO ARE INTERESTED IN DANCING WITH US, THEY NEED TO CONTACT THE SENIOR CENTER AND WE WILL PROVIDE THEM WITH THE INFORMATION. THANK YOU!

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