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Dear Senior Center Shufflers:

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 **Shuffleboard**. Due to COVID 19, we have adopted the following guidelines:

Shuffleboard

1. Participants must be Senior Center members. No guests and no exceptions.
2. A Health screening questionnaire will be required within 24 hours of EVERY class. May be found on website or use the link provided below.
3. A COVID waiver will be required to be signed. (ONE TIME SIGNATURE) May be found on website or use the link provided below.
4. Reservations are required for every session.
5. Face coverings are preferred unless directed by a health care provider otherwise.
6. Participants are expected to maintain at least six feet of distancing from non-household members during session.
7. If Senior Center equipment is used, shufflers are asked to sanitize the cue stick before and after use and to use hand sanitizer before and after handling equipment.
8. The shed will be locked and users asked to return equipment as directed.
9. Volunteers will be asked to sanitize disks before and after play.
10. Volunteers will facilitate the session and assure all protocol is followed and report non-compliance to senior center management.
- 11. BY ALL MEANS PLEASE DO NOT COME IF YOU ARE NOT FEELING WELL!!! Call and let us know if you are not coming.**

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Reservations can be made by calling the Senior Center at 231-922-4911.

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 everyone. Paper copies will be available if needed.

NOTES:

Shuffleboard will resume on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning July 21st at 10:00 a.m. There will be NO FEE this year as we are uncertain how many sessions we will be able to get in.

Please plan for the weather and dress appropriately. Consider sunscreen, sunglasses and outerwear.

Hand sanitizer will be available for your use.

Shuffleboard will be cancelled by 9:00 a.m. if weather is questionable.

Picnic tables are available for your use.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN MAIN PARKING LOT ON TUESDAYS. WE HAVE MEAL SERVICE AND YOUR CAR WILL BE IN THE WAY. PLEASE USE BARLOW STREET OR THE TENNIS COURT LOT ON TUESDAYS, THANK YOU!

Be safe and Be Well!

Lori Wells
Grand Traverse County Senior Center Network Manager