

# OREGON AREA SENIOR CENTER

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To: Board Members and Staff of the Town of Oregon

From: Rachel Brickner, Director

Date: March 17, 2020

Re: Senior Center Response to Coronavirus

In response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), the Oregon Area Senior Center has temporarily reduced its services to those that are deemed essential. This has been done in compliance with directives from public health officials, and in the interest of preserving the health of the seniors we serve, the volunteers who help us provide those services, and the staff, who need to stay healthy in order to coordinate and provide essential services for seniors.

Essential services include home delivered meals, meals packaged to carry out from the Center, case management and transportation. Those services continue for all of the seniors that we serve, including seniors in your township. Access to food is very important, especially now, and we are doing our best to make sure that every senior will have needed meals and groceries.

If you become aware of anyone in your township who is in need of assistance during this time of disruption, please make a referral to the Senior Center. We are finding that people who live quite independently under typical circumstances may be in need of additional support currently. Our case managers are available by phone to help arrange resources for those who need them.

For the time being, the Senior Center has suspended its non-essential services, such as social or educational gatherings, exercise classes and other wellness opportunities. We know that many seniors miss those activities, and we will resume them once it is deemed safe for people to gather again. Unfortunately, none of us is currently able to predict when that will be.

If you have any questions or concerns at all about the Senior Center, the services that we are providing, or the services that have been suspended, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at 835-5801. I will provide updates to you as warranted.

Best wishes for good health to each of you, and to the people of your township.