



## COVID-19 PANDEMIC UPDATE

April 15, 2020

The Senior Alliance remains available and dedicated to providing older adults, caregivers, volunteers and stakeholders information and resources during the COVID-19 pandemic.

During the Stay-Safe, Stay-Home Order, The Senior Alliance will continue to focus on addressing needs in our community while following guidance from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS) and the Wayne County Public Health Office. We are working closely with our outstanding network of partners who deliver important Older Americans Act, MI Choice Waiver and MI Health Link in-home services to ensure the safety and well-being of those receiving community supports, services and care.

The Senior Alliance continues to maintain normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., while our employees are working from home. Our Information & Assistance Call Center continues to operate during normal business hours and is available at (800) 815-1112.

Our contracted vendor for meal programs, Wayne County Senior Services, is delivering 5-meal packs every Monday to our home-delivered meal clients. They are alternating frozen and shelf stable packs each Monday. The Congregate Meal Program has been suspended.

The Senior Alliance will be holding a shelf-stable food distribution event for people age 60 and over who have a food need or are unable to make a trip to the grocery store. A box will be distributed containing enough shelf-stable food ingredients to make 10 meals for two people. Food distribution participants must remain in their vehicle, a volunteer will place the food box in the trunk. At the distribution event participants will need to provide the following information: name(s) of people consuming the food and address. Event information:

### **Shelf-Stable Food Distribution for Seniors (Age 60+) in Need**

Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: The Senior Alliance office, 5454 Venoy in the City of Wayne

### **Shelf-Stable Food Distribution for Seniors (Age 60+) in Need**

Date: Thursday, April 30, 2020

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Location: Yack Arena, 3131 Third Street in Wyandotte

*Both food distribution events are open to seniors (60+) living in our service area\**

The Friendly Reassurance Program has openings to assist adults age 60 and over who are homebound and feel isolated. Participants can receive a regularly scheduled telephone call up to five days per week from a peer. A flyer is included with this e-mail - call (734) 722-2830 to sign-up.

The Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) has suspended in-person sessions but assistance is available by phone at (800) 803-7174.

Participant contacts in the Care Management, Case Coordination & Support, MI Choice Waiver and MI Health Link programs continue to be telephonic-only.

Nursing facility visits have been suspended per guidance issued by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services, although concerns about care at nursing facilities should be directed to the Long-Term Care Ombudsman at (866) 485-9393.

The Senior Alliance non-emergency transportation program remains suspended.

### ***INFORMATION ON COVID-19***

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

The State of Michigan: <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/>

The Wayne County Public Health Division has COVID-19 information at:

<https://www.waynecounty.com/departments/hhvs/wellness/novel-coronavirus-information.aspx>

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve, The Senior Alliance will adjust our business continuity plan accordingly and provide updates. Please contact Jason Maciejewski, Chief Advocacy & Planning Officer, with any questions at: [jmaciejewski@thesenioralliance.org](mailto:jmaciejewski@thesenioralliance.org) or 734-727-2058.

You can follow The Senior Alliance through our website and social media at:

Website - [www.thesenioralliance.org](http://www.thesenioralliance.org)

Twitter - @aaa1c

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*\* The Senior Alliance Planning and Service Area includes the 34 communities of southern and western Wayne County: Allen Park, Belleville, Brownstown Township, Canton, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, Ecorse, Flat Rock, Garden City, Gibraltar, Grosse Ile, Huron Township, Inkster, Lincoln Park, Livonia, Melvindale, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Redford, River Rouge, Riverview, Rockwood, Romulus, Southgate, Sumpter Township, Taylor, Trenton, Van Burn Township, Wayne, Westland, Woodhaven, and Wyandotte.*

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