

Jasper County Elderly Nutrition

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Dear Jasper County Elderly Nutrition Home Delivered Participants,

The coronavirus, also known as COVID-19, continues to spread across the United States. There are no known cases in Jasper County. We are continuing to work closely with Jasper County Health Department. However, because the situation is changing so rapidly, for the good of our program and community, we feel compelled to move forward with plans to prevent or slow the transmission of the virus as best we can, and mitigate its risks once it comes to our community. Our goals are first and foremost to keep our clients and staff safe including those most vulnerable in this situation.

Starting **Monday, March 16**, we will begin instituting the concept of social distancing. Our goal is to decrease the number of instances that require community members to gather in large groups or spend extended periods of time in close proximity with each other.

As of March 16 until further notice, we are shifting to home delivered meals only and not opening congregate meal sites in Newton, Colfax and Monroe or delivering meals to the Prairie City Methodist Church.

We will continue Home Delivered meals at this time. If you are ill, please call and cancel your meal. If you want the meal left outside your door, please call us to instruct us or leave a note on your door instructing us to not enter (you must be home in order for us to leave it outside your door). Otherwise, we will continue to deliver as normal. All drivers and volunteers are required to wash hands when they arrive to pick up the meals and all use hand sanitizer between deliveries.

If you have any questions about Coronavirus, we encourage you to call the hotline at 2-1-1.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely

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