

Jasper County Elderly Nutrition

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Dear Jasper County Elderly Nutrition 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 encourage anyone that normally attends congregate meal sites in Newton, Colfax and Monroe or the Prairie City Methodist Church, to please call Elderly Nutrition at (641)792-7102 to set up Home Delivered meals if needed. Please call 24 hours in advance of wanting a meal.

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

When we resume meals at the Newton, Colfax and Monroe sites and the Prairie City Methodist Church, we will notify you.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely

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