

JASPER COUNTY ELDERLY NUTRITION

Announcement: Congregate Sites Re-Opening!

Jasper County Elderly Nutrition is excited to announce that congregate meals will resume in Newton on Monday, July 12 and Colfax & Monroe on Monday, August 2. The Prairie City Drop off Site will resume on Tuesdays & Thursdays beginning Tuesday, August 3 at the Methodist Church in Prairie City. Please keep in mind that some things may not look the same as it did pre-pandemic.

Please note, we will not be requiring vaccinations for inside dining or any other activities now that the Iowa state legislature has passed restrictions against such precautions. Vaccinations are strongly encouraged for your sake, and that of the other participants, however they are not required. Please make decisions based on this information and in consideration of your own health and comfort level.

To attend Congregate dining, you will be asked to:

- Make a reservation in advance (641-792-7102)
- Be symptom free, including temperature under 100.4 degrees
- Have no recent exposures to someone positive for Covid19 if not fully vaccinated
- Masks are not mandatory but are strongly recommended for anyone not vaccinated.
- Keep good physical distance from others (6 feet) when not eating.

Dining room and meal service procedures:

- Individuals are asked to arrive after 11 AM (Meals served at 11:30 AM).
- You are expected to wash your hands immediately after entering the building.
- There will be limited seating at each table. Tables will be spread out.

If you are symptomatic, or test positive, do not attend any inside programming until you are 10 days past the beginning of symptoms, and no longer symptomatic.

If you are exposed to someone who is positive for Covid19, unless you have been fully vaccinated, please do not come to any activities until at least fourteen days have passed since the exposure. If you become positive or symptomatic during that time, follow the timeline for being positive of symptomatic. "Exposed" means you have been around someone diagnosed with Covid19, and you have been around them for more than 15 minutes while not wearing a mask.

If you are not able or wanting to dine inside there will be an option for to-go meals. This will be available after 12 noon and will be picked-up inside. A reservation is required, so that we know to order you a meal.

Finally, if not for these procedures we would not likely be able to open up for inside activities and meals at this time. We appreciate your understanding and patience as we strive to be as safe as possible for the public and our staff. We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely

Kelli Van Manen-Program Director