

BOND COUNTY

SENIOR CENTER

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Illinois older adults are among the highest risk population group for becoming seriously ill from COVID-19. Locations where seniors gather such as congregate meal sites and senior centers may increase the risk of transmitting COVID-19 and community spreading of the virus. On Monday, March 9, 2020, Governor JB Pritzker declared a state of emergency based on new guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and evidence emerging across other countries and throughout the United States.

Per direction by the Illinois Department on Aging, Bond County Senior Center will be suspending our congregate meal program, salad bar and going out to eat program to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Bond County Senior Center will offer a carry out meal or a meal delivered by a volunteer during this suspension of services to those who would normally come eat at our site. If you want a meal, please call 664-1465 and let us know which way you wish to receive it. We will have to strictly follow a policy of making a reservation by 4:00 pm the day before in order for us to pack a meal.

Home delivered meals will still be provided. We are also purchasing shelf stable meals for all home delivered meal clients. These meals are in the event there is a verified case in our area and we are unable to provide meals. They will be delivered to our clients as soon as possible.

Not all programs at the senior center are being suspended. License plate discount appointments will still be accepted. Tax appointments will continue. The main guidance given is to limit gatherings of vulnerable populations of 6 or more. We will continue our food pantry service, however clients will not be able to select their food and boxes of food will be given to them. We will not have indoor waiting available.

Our main focus is to limit exposure to vulnerable populations to this virus, while still providing for their needs. If you have any questions, concerns or needs please call the center at 618-664-1465.

All adjustments are in effect until further notice from the Illinois Department of Aging.