

# Update on Department of Aging and Community Living Operating Status during COVID-19 Emergency - As of March 19, 2020

#### What is our operating status?

The Department of Aging and Community Living remains open. We will continue to provide some services as usual. However, there may be changes to how other services are provided.

### How does this impact what we do?

- Senior Wellness Centers and Community Dining Sites modified. Activities at Senior Wellness Centers and Community Dining Sites are suspended. Effective March 20, 2020, lunch pick-up is available only on this date at 10am 2pm for current participants at the following sites: Bernice Fonteneau Senior Wellness Center, Vida Senior Center (Calvert), Adas Israel, Hattie Holmes Senior Wellness Center, Vida Senior Center (Brightwood), Edgewood Terrace Apartments, Model Cities Senior Wellness Center, Petersburg Senior Village, Fort Lincoln, Vicksburg, Hayes Senior Wellness Center, Washington Senior Wellness Center, and Congress Heights Senior Wellness Center
  - o Beginning March 23, 2020, all meal sites will be converted to home delivery for current participants.
- **Social and Recreation Programs** suspended. This includes group trips, in-person fitness classes, and other wellness activities.
- Adult Day Health Programs suspended. Effective March 20, 2020, Adult Day Health Programs are suspended.

#### What else are we offering to meet your needs?

- Information & Referral/Assistance Residents may call (202) 724-5626 to learn more about DACL's operating status, programs, and services. If you or someone you know is 60+ years old and needs a meal, please give us a call for referral. Phone lines are answered Monday Friday, 8:30am 4:30pm.
- Adult Protective Services (APS) To report allegations of abuse, neglect, self-neglect, and/or exploitation of vulnerable adults, please call the APS Hotline at (202) 541-3950, available 24-hours 7-days a week.
- Regular Reassurance Calls Current participants of DACL-funded senior programs should expect
  to receive reassurance calls on a regular basis from their lead agency or case managers during this
  time. Call (202) 724-5626 for more information.

#### What precautions are we taking to limit the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19)?

Our employees are taking precautions to keep themselves healthy and limit the spread of infections like regularly washing their hands, cleaning facilities more frequently, and reducing close contact with each other and residents. Employees have been asked to let their supervisor know immediately if they feel sick.



## Where should you go if you have questions?

For questions about any of the services we provide and information on any future changes, please contact us at 202-724-5626 or dacl@dc.gov. For more information, please visit coronavirus.dc.gov.