

Dear BASC Friends,

The Governor held a press conference, Sunday, November 15, and announced a new Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Executive Order. Given that COVID is spreading rapidly as we move to the indoor season, this order is designed to stem the spread.

This order effectively shuts down all of the Buchanan Area Senior Center group programs but allows us to continue one-on-one meetings to provide services.

The BASC Executive Director, Adam Burck has summarized the highlights below of how the Executive Order is affecting the BASC programs and services. You may view the full order at https://www.michigan.gov/.../0,9753,7-406-98178_98455...

The BASC Staff and Board Members are sending their best wishes to you in staying safe and healthy. You are missed!

Effective dates: November 18, 2020 at 12:01 a.m. and through December 8, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.

Indoor Gatherings: A gathering is two or more persons from more than one household present in shared space. All indoor gatherings are prohibited at non-residential venues, so all of our indoor programming is cancelled as of this coming Wednesday.

Outdoor Gatherings: These are allowed with a max of 20 people per 1,000 square feet. However, gatherings for group fitness activities and classes are prohibited, so this effectively closes down our exercise classes.

Programs that may continue under this order, with requirement that face masks are worn and social distancing is practiced:

- **Foot Clinic:** Section 4.3 allows “non-essential personal care services, including hair, nail.....and similar personal care services” by appointment only with face masks worn at all times.
- **Eye Glass Adjustment and Repair:** One-on-one service and is offered on Thursday, November 19, December 3 and December 17, must call to schedule an appointment.
- **Hearing Aid Checks:** One-on-one service and is offered on Tuesday, December 15, must call to schedule an appointment.
- **Blood Pressure Checks:** One-on-one service and is offered each Tuesday of the month, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm, must call to schedule an appointment.
- **Medical Transportation:** Continues with requirement that “all staff and patrons use face masks, and must enforce physical distancing among patrons to the extent feasible.” As an additional measure, we have vinyl spray shields between the driver and passengers in both vehicles.
- **MMAF:** allowed under section 2.c.2: “gatherings between an employee and a customer for the purpose of receiving services” ...as long as facemasks and social distancing are required.

- Thanksgiving meals and Black Friday lunches all curbside/delivered.
- SNS lunches and Meals on Wheels will continue uninterrupted
- Office services
- Food commodities
- Work-out room one person at a time with a mask on

Programs cancelled per the order:

- Black Friday Game Day: Cancelled due to prohibition of gatherings, but we will still provide the lunches to those who requested them, via curbside pickup and delivery on Wednesday.
- All Exercise classes: Section 4.b.3 prohibits all group fitness activities and classes.
- All cards and board games due to gathering prohibition and social distancing requirement.
- All presentations, coffee chat, book club, movies etc.

Please spread the word. We will post this info on our website and Facebook page.