

## Meals on Wheels Continues to Serve

### *Senior Services of Southwest Michigan Utilizing Emergency Preparedness Plans to Ensure Clients are Fed*

**[Kalamazoo – March 13, 2020]:** -- In the midst of community response to the COVID 19 situation, Senior Services of Southwest Michigan and Meals on Wheels is assuring customers that meals will continue to be delivered.

Our Meals on Wheels program has been in place since 1960 and has emergency preparedness plans in place to address situations such as this. Meals on Wheels services will continue as planned. A combination of frozen meals and shelf-stable meals have been stocked in the event that we are no longer able to prepare meals or obtain food product.

At this time, as a proactive approach to protect the potentially vulnerable population we serve, the offices of Senior Services of Southwest Michigan will be closed to the public beginning Monday, March 16, 2020. This includes suspension of congregate meals and activities here at our 918 Jasper Street location in Kalamazoo.

The operations of our independent congregate meal sites throughout Kalamazoo and Calhoun counties are also impacted. To avoid having seniors gather together, Meals on Wheels prepackaged meals will be distributed individually or home-delivered meals will be proactively arranged as appropriate.

Additionally, our clients and customers are encouraged to call the office for any needs they may have. Our services and programs will continue to run. Service questions should be directed to our main contact number: 269-382-0515.

Employees will report as directed by their supervisors.

As circumstances change, we will announce updates through our website [www.seniorservices1.org](http://www.seniorservices1.org) and our social media platforms.

#### **Senior Services of Southwest Michigan**

On any given day, Senior Services of Southwest Michigan touches over 1,500 lives through its many programs and services. One way we live our mission “*to provide options that empower people to thrive in their community*” is through home delivered meals. To learn more, please visit us online at [www.seniorservices1.org](http://www.seniorservices1.org), call us at (269)-382-0515, or follow us on Facebook for updates.

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