

IMPERIAL COUNTY AREA AGENCY ON AGING

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Imperial County Area Agency on Aging's Services Updates

The health and wellness of our service participants, employees, and community are of utmost importance. That is why the Imperial County Area Agency on Aging (AAA) is working in conjunction with state and local officials to help put in place a plan to help keep our seniors, employees and community healthy and informed, as the Coronavirus (COVID-19) impact progresses. AAA will continue to provide updates as available.

In order to comply with federal, state, and local guidelines and reduce the risk to senior participants, AAA has closed all Senior Nutrition Congregate Sites for dining until further notice. Participants will start receiving meals at their home address this week. Deliveries will be staggered throughout the week to be able to serve all clients. AAA asks for your patience while we transition our congregate participants to Home Delivery. The AAA's goal is to make sure seniors receive their daily meal, which is essential to their health and well-being, while following the recommendations from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and local public health officials in regards to COVID-19. If a senior, age 60 or more, is interested in signing up for this program, they are asked to contact Catholic Charities, the Senior Nutrition Provider, to sign up at 760.353.2748. In-Home Delivered Meal Services will continue as scheduled.

The Imperial County Public Administrator and Area Agency on Aging offices are closed to the public. If you need assistance from the Public Administrator's office, please call 442.265.7000 to schedule an appointment. If you are a senior needing assistance with food or other basic supplies, please contact the Area Agency on Aging office at 442.265.7030 to make an appointment or schedule a delivery. Due to the influx of calls that we are currently experiencing, we kindly ask that you leave a clear message with your name and phone number. All calls received will be returned within one business day. The Agency's office hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 12 noon on Friday.

The Imperial County Area Agency on Aging offers a variety of services for seniors, age 60 or older, throughout the Imperial Valley. These services include congregate meals, transportation to designated congregate sites, home delivered meals, respite care, legal advice, and much more. If you need additional information regarding any of the services provided by our agency or additional information on what is being done to comply with COVID-19 guidelines, please contact our office by calling 442-265-7030 or toll-free at 1-800-510-2020. You may also find additional information by visiting our website at www.aaa24.org. If you are experiencing a crisis or additional stress related to the current situation, please contact the local Imperial County Behavioral Health Access line at 1-800-817-5292 or 442-265-1525.

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