

MEMO

To: Vermont Senior Centers

From: Monica Hutt, Commissioner

Date: November 16, 2020

Re: Senior Center Operations

On Friday November 13, 2020 Governor Scott issued [Addendum 8 of Executive Order No 01-20](#) which extends the State of Emergency through December 15, 2020. The order also recognizes the recent surge in COVID-19 cases and institutes an “appropriate return to more limited standards of operation and social gatherings in order to control outbreaks of COVID-19”.

Based on the recent Executive Order and after consultation with the Vermont Department of Health, **AHS and DAIL recommend that Senior Centers suspend in-person group programming.** One to one services, following previously issued [Guidelines for Senior Centers](#), may continue. We recognize how much work you have done to reopen and to operate safely, and that families and individuals are counting on you. And yet our ultimate goal is to protect the health of Vermonters, including your participants, volunteers and staff.

As always, we will maintain communications as conditions change and remain available to you here at DAIL for questions and concerns. Thank you for all you do.

Monica Caserta Hutt

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & UPDATES – Please visit the Vermont Health Department’s, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention OR the Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living’s website at:

- <https://www.healthvermont.gov/response/infectious-disease/2019-novel-coronavirus>
- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- <https://dail.vermont.gov/novel-coronavirus-information>