



TOWN OF BARRINGTON RHODE ISLAND

Dear Folks Who Attend the Peck Center for Adult Enrichment,

As you may have heard, the Peck Center for Adult Enrichment, following the strong recommendation of the RI Department of Health and the Office of Healthy Aging to all Senior Centers, has closed effective 1 pm on Thursday, March 12th.

Out of an abundance of caution and to support the containment of COVID 19, all programming related to the Peck Center has been cancelled. This includes, but is not limited to: Lunch Program, Meditation, Chair Yoga, Cardio/Strength, Bridge, Let's Talk, all card games, Fitness Room, Scrabble, and the AARP Tax Program.

The closure of programming at the Peck Center will be for a two- week period, at which time the situation will be reassessed.

The closure of the Peck Center for Adult Enrichment was based on multiple factors discussed on a RIDOH conference call today. It was recommended that if any of the following criteria were met, a closure should be strongly considered:

- Ability to screen people for health/illness
- Any chance folks might cough or spread droplets
- Ability to keep people six feet apart
- Groups of 10 or more people

The RIDOH and Office of Healthy Aging are working at this time to determine what services for seniors might be able to be continued through alternate means. As the town, through the leadership of the State, explore possibilities, seniors should continue to monitor their health and follow the recommendations of the CDC: frequent handwashing with soap and warm water; coughing and sneezing into your elbow or a tissue; avoid touching mouth, nose, and eyes; and if you are sick, stay at home; reduce contact with other people by restricting trips outside of the home.

For additional information, please go to the RIDOH website at <https://health.ri.gov/>

While the Peck Center for Adult Enrichment is closed for services, we will continue to have staff on site until April 3rd. Cathy and Elizabeth will still take calls. People will be able to purchase Newport Creamery and IHOP vouchers.

We will keep you updated as this health situation evolves.

Sincerely,

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