



Anne Arundel County Department of Aging and Disabilities Senior Activity Center FAQ

Reopening of the Centers

When will the centers be reopening?

The Pasadena, Pascal, and Annapolis Senior Centers reopened on Monday, May 3, 2021. On June 28, 2021, the Brooklyn Park, Arnold, O'Malley, and South County Senior Activity Centers reopened. The centers will be open from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The centers will close from 12:00 pm to 1:00pm for cleaning of the building and lunch.

On Monday, July 19th, all senior activity centers will open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

How is the Department of Aging and Disabilities going to keep senior center members safe?

The Department of Aging and Disabilities has worked closely with the Department of Health with guidance from the Maryland Department of Aging to develop a reopening plan in line with CDC and Maryland Department of Health guidelines. All centers have been thoroughly cleaned, and new policies and protocols have been implemented to reduce the risk of exposure to COVID-19 to senior activity center staff, volunteers, and members.

What rules are being put in place when the senior centers open?

Members signing in to the center are required to review the COVID-19 health screening questions and acknowledge that they are free from symptoms associated with COVID-19 and have not been exposed to anyone who has recently been tested positive for COVID-19. All visitors assume the risk that they may be exposed to the COVID-19 virus while attending the center. Anyone experiencing symptoms associated with COVID-19 or recently in contact with an individual who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 will not be allowed to attend the center. Members are asked not to return to the senior activity centers until symptoms have resolved or they have received a negative test for COVID-19.

Why aren't the senior activity centers open every day?

The senior centers will be closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays for congregate meal distribution to continue for county residents enrolled in the Senior Nutrition Program. Once the nutrition sites are reopened at the senior centers, the center will be open daily for members.

When the congregate meal program returns to the senior activity centers on July 19th, the senior activity centers will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.



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Will I be able to walk into the senior center anytime I would like to attend?

Yes. Restrictions on capacity at the senior activity centers were lifted in June 2021. Members are now able to attend the center at their leisure. Registration is still required to attend classes offered at the senior activity centers. Anyone interested in attending a class can register on our website at aacounty.org/aging or contact their local senior activity center. The senior activity centers will close from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm for cleaning.

What hours will the senior centers be open?

All senior activity centers will be open to members on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm. The centers will close from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm for cleaning of the building and lunch. Beginning on July 19, 2021, the senior activity centers will be open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

Activities and Programs

What kinds of activities will be offered at the center?

Initially, the activities available at the senior activity centers were limited to those that allowed members to maintain social distance while socializing between members. The Department of Aging and Disabilities has partnered with Anne Arundel Community College to offer various classes at the senior activity centers. Other programs will also be available each week and vary by center.

Will members be required to register for classes?

Yes. To ensure that classes are not overbooked, members interested in attending a class at the center should register in advance.

How do I register to attend classes at the senior center?

Anyone interested in attending classes at the senior center can register online using the link on our website at <https://www.aacounty.org/departments/aging-and-disabilities/>. Members can also register by contacting the Department of Aging at (410) 222-4464 or their local senior activity center. The registration page will have a list of scheduled activities for the month. Members can register for any classes they are interested in attending.

Where can I find the link to register for classes at the senior center?

The link to access the registration form for each senior activity center will be posted on the Department of Aging and Disabilities website at



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<https://www.aacounty.org/departments/aging-and-disabilities/>. The link will also be posted on the department's Facebook page along with the Facebook pages of each senior activity center.

When will day trips be allowed?

Day trips are tentatively scheduled to begin during Phase 3 of the senior activity center reopenings. The timeframe may change depending on guidance received from the Department of Health and the Office of Transportation.

What if I don't have a computer to sign up to attend the senior center?

If you do not have a computer or access to a computer, you can contact the MAP Line at (410) 222-4464, and someone will assist you in registering for a class. You may also contact the senior activity center most convenient to you to register for a class.

I don't have a car/drive. Will transportation be available to and from the senior centers?

Transportation will be available for members needing transportation to the senior activity centers. Rides can be scheduled by contacting the Office of Transportation at (410) 222-0023.

When will the nutrition program be available for members?

The congregate meal program is scheduled to restart in the senior activity centers on Monday, July 19, 2021. Members interested in registering for the congregate meal program should contact the Senior Nutrition Program from Tuesday, July 6th, to Monday, July 12th, to sign up for meals at the senior activity center.

The Senior Nutrition Pandemic Frozen meal program is scheduled to end on Tuesday, July 13th. Members currently enrolled in this program will continue to receive a frozen meal until that date.

Health and Safety

Will members be required to wear a mask?

On July 1, 2021, the mask mandate was lifted. Masks will no longer be required to be worn while in the senior activity centers. Members who have not yet received the COVID-19 vaccine are encouraged to continue wearing a mask while visiting the center.

I have a medical condition that makes it difficult for me to wear a mask. Can I attend the center?



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Yes. Masks are no longer required to attend the senior activity center. Members who have not yet received the COVID-19 vaccine are encouraged to wear a mask while attending the senior activity centers.

What will happen if there is a positive COVID-19 case at the senior center?

If there is a positive COVID-19 case at the center, the Department of Aging and Disabilities will notify the Department of Health for guidance. Any members exposed will be contacted by the Department of Health and provided recommendations for testing and quarantine. Any exposed areas within the senior center will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized before members return to the center.

How will I know if the senior center is closed due to a positive COVID-19 case at the center?

In the case that the senior center must close due to a positive COVID-19 case, members will be notified via email and phone. Notices will also be posted on our website and social media pages.

How will you enforce the new policies for members who refuse to comply?

Senior activity center staff will be present to remind members to follow all recommended guidelines and protocols. Members refusing to comply will be asked to leave and return when willing to follow guidelines to protect themselves, members, and staff from exposure to COVID-19.

Are food and drink allowed in the senior activity center?

Yes. With the lifting of the mask requirement, members will be allowed to bring food and drink into the senior activity centers. In-person dining through the congregate meal program will return to the centers on Monday, July 19th. Snack bars will be allowed to reopen beginning on July 1, 2021.

I have a medical condition that requires me to eat regularly. Will I be allowed to bring in my food to eat while I am at the center?

Yes. Members will be allowed to bring their food and drink into the senior activity centers beginning July 1, 2021.