

Michigan City Senior Center
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Michigan City, IN 46360

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Senior Center is re-opening on Wed, July 15th

This will serve as the July 2020 newsletter. Aug/Sept will be similar. We encourage all members to join Facebook and “LIKE” the Michigan City Senior Center since that is an instantaneous way for us to get information out to you as it develops. We expect our programming to expand as time goes on but it will be a slow process. In the meantime, please do not call us looking for updates to our programming. With our limited staff and increased responsibilities in controlling access to the facility, we may not be able to get to the phones easily.

Please call us **ONLY** if you have urgent business with us. Thank you for your understanding and patience. If you want to pay dues, for the time being, we are accepting them by mail **ONLY** to: MCSC, 2 on the Lake, Michigan City, IN 46360. Please enclose your membership card and a self-addressed, stamped envelope for us to mail it back to you. If you need a new card, please indicate that but still enclose the self-addressed/stamped envelope for us to do so. We are trying to conserve funds as much as possible since most of our fundraisers will not happen this year.

Please be patient with us as we navigate these difficult times. We are opening with just myself (the Director), and my one part-time Assistant Director until further notice. We miss you all and can't wait to resume our normal everyday schedule. Until then, let's try to make the best of what we can.

To all April/May/June/July & August birthdays and anniversaries:

Happy Birthday & Happy Anniversary! We wish you well!

To all those feeling a bit under the weather, please get well soon.

To anyone who may have lost a loved one, please know our deepest sympathies are with you and yours.

Wishing you all health and wellness.

Dear Senior Center Members:

We will be opening on a limited basis with strict protocols beginning Wed, July 15th. The schedule is as follows:

Mon 9:30-11:30am	Tues 9:30-11:30am	Wed 9:30-11:30am	Thurs 9:30-11:30am	Fri 9:30-11:30am
Billiards (6)	Ceramics (4)	Ping Pong (6)	Woodcarving (4)	Social Hours (36)
Mon 1:30-3:30pm	Tues 1:30-3:30pm	Wed 1:30-3:30pm	Thurs 1:30-3:30pm	Fri 1:30-3:30pm
Knitting/Crochet(8)	Billiards (6)	Computer Access(2)	Painting Club(4)	Social Hours (36)

The numbers listed after each activity is the max limit of participants per session. Once an activity has reached it's occupancy limit, all others will be turned away. 1st come, 1st served basis. All other activities remain canceled until further notice.

The protocols are **#1 IF YOU ARE SICK, STAY HOME!**

- For activities at the Senior Center, at all times & in all places a STRICT 6-ft social distancing requirement will be mandated.
- ONLY MEMBERS, staff, and emergency personnel will be allowed access to the Senior Center during Senior Center hours. No guests, no visitors, no exceptions. New memberships will not be allowed in person. Call us at 219-873-1504 for info on how to mail in your new membership application. Current members, please mail in your dues. DO NOT pay in person.
- You MUST wear a mask while entering the facility. Once you reach your designated area to participate in your activity and sit down, you may remove your mask if you wish. If you get up to move around for any reason, including using the restroom or exiting the building, you must replace your mask first.
- When you approach the Center, the front door will always be locked. If there is a line, please maintain 6 ft apart. Please wait 6 ft from the front door WITH YOUR MASK ON until a staff member comes outside to check your temperature with a no-contact forehead thermometer. If you have a temp of 100.4 or greater, you will not be allowed access. The side door will not be in use until further notice.
- If your temperature is normal we will ask you to come into the foyer, use the no-contact hand sanitizer (even if you are wearing disposable gloves) and read through the health questions listed on a posterboard.
- If you are symptom-free, you will be asked to enter into the building and sign in. This sheet has a disclaimer at the top that reads: "By signing this sheet you acknowledge that there are inherent risks to potentially being exposed to Covid-19 despite our best efforts to provide a safe environment. You are acknowledging that you accept these risks and are here of your own accord. You also agree to hold harmless M.C. Seniors Inc., the M.C. Parks & Recreation Dept., the City of Michigan City, all staff, volunteers, and the associated insurance companies of these organizations, should you be exposed to Covid-19 while participating in programming here at the Senior Center. "
- Proceed to your designated area, sit down, and remove your mask if you choose.
- You will be allowed entry ten minutes prior to the start time of your activity and up to ten minutes after the start time. You will not be allowed access at ANY OTHER TIME FOR ANY REASON other than this specified 20 minute time frame. So for **Session I, entry is permitted from 9:20-9:40. Session II, entry is permitted from 1:20-1:40.**
- You must leave by the end time of each session, no exceptions. If you are attending both the morning and afternoon session, you still must leave the first session by 11:30, then return between 1:20-1:40 for the afternoon session.
- Members are NOT allowed to come to the Senior Center to "hang out" except on Fridays during Social Hours. If you are coming Mon-Thurs it MUST be to attend one of the above scheduled programs ONLY. On Fridays during Social Hour sessions, individuals may come to the center and have social interaction while maintaining social distancing. This allows members who are friends and socializing in person outside of the Center to join those same friends here at the Center. During that time, you may simply visit or play games as long as you bring your own games and take them with you when you leave. YOU MAY NOT USE GAMES, CARDS, OR OTHER EQUIPMENT FROM THE CENTER. You will not be permitted to physically visit with other tables. You MUST maintain the 6ft rule at your table. Only 2 persons will be allowed per round table (which are 5 feet in diameter and by sitting 6 inches back from the table you can maintain the 6ft rule). We have 37 tables in the main area. In order to social distance between tables properly, we can only allow 18 to be occupied. With a maximum of 2 persons per table, that allows for 36 persons to be allowed in the main area during each Social Hour session.
- Members are not permitted to enter the Director's or Asst Director's office without prior approval. Once that has been authorized, all persons within the office must wear a mask at all times.
- There will be no access to the kitchen, nor the drinking fountain. Please bring your own beverages.
- There will be no use of the tv's, pianos, nor Wii gaming system. Members are not allowed to enter conference rooms.
- Call 1st Travel for info on day & extended trips. We do NOT have status information for these trips.
- At this time, no volunteers are being recalled. We will let you know when we will resume activities that require volunteers.
- Programming will expand when it is reasonably safe to do so.
- Any member not adhering to these protocols will be asked to leave the facility.
- If you or someone you have been in contact with tests positive for COVID-19, and you have attended one of our sessions, please notify the staff as soon as possible at 219-873-1504.