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Suspension of Lunch Program and Large Gatherings at Penn Hills Senior Center

COVID-19 Preventative Measure

Penn Hills, Pennsylvania(March 12, 2020)- The Penn Hills Emergency Management has ordered the suspension of the senior lunch service program and large gathering events at the Penn Hills Senior Centers effective March 16, 2020.

The order is a preventative measure to protect the senior citizens of Penn Hills from COVID-19. The Penn Hills Emergency Management Agency is acting on the behalf of public safety and health in accordance with recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Allegheny County Department of Health.

The CDC and ACDH have recommended that large gatherings be suspended until further notice to combat the spread of CONVID-19. The Penn Hills Senior Center provides a lunch program to approximately 120 senior citizens daily and meets the criteria set by both the CDC and ACDH.

The COVID-19 has not been confirmed in Allegheny County at the time of this press release. However, the CDC and ACDH have recommended that social distancing and isolation are the best preventative measures that can be taken proactively to prevent spread.

The Penn Hills Senior Center will continue the Meals on Wheels program to ensure our homebound senior citizens still receive healthy meals daily.

The COVID-19 is having the greatest impact on the senior citizen population in infected areas. Penn Hills is taking a proactive approach to protect our senior citizens the best way possible.

For additional information on the news on COVID-19 refer to both the Centers for Disease Control website www.cdc.gov > [coronavirus > 2019-ncov](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov).

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