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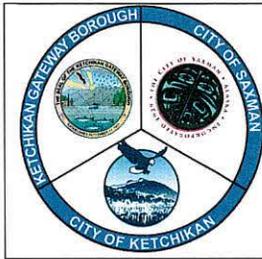
TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Karl R. Amylon, City Manager

DATE: July 1, 2020

RE: **Discussion of Suspension of Senior Programs and Services Update**

As indicated in the attached memorandum from EOC Incident Commander Abner Hoage, on June 30, 2020 the Department of Health and Social Services rescinded Health Alert 7, which will allow Rendezvous Senior Day services to reopen on Monday, July 20, 2020. Chief Hoage will be attending the City Council meeting of July 2, 2020, in order to address any questions and/or concerns that Councilmembers may have.



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TO: Karl Amylon, City Manager

FROM: Abner Hoage, Incident Commander

DATE: July 1, 2020

SUBJECT: Restrictions on Programs for Seniors (Health Alert 007)

At the June 18, 2020 City Council meeting Dee Wright spoke during public comment about the ongoing restrictions on programs and activities for seniors in our community. I also advised the council that I too was concerned about these ongoing restrictions.

After the meeting I followed up with local providers of these services to see if there was anything the EOC could potentially do to help improve the situation for our seniors. The answers came down to advocating with the State of Alaska for updated guidance that would allow these programs and activities to resume. I sent a message that evening to the DHSS Commissioner and the Director of the Division of Senior and Disabilities Services expressing our ongoing concern and asking for an update on when these programs might receive updated guidance.

I received a response the next morning advising that updated guidance would be forthcoming in the next couple of weeks. I am happy to report that on June 30, 2020 updated guidance was published and Health Alert 007 which imposed the suspension on these programs was rescinded. I have shared this updated guidance with Dee and other local service providers, Rendezvous Senior Day Services is planning to reopen on Monday, July 20th the EOC stands by ready to assist them and other service providers if requested as they develop and implement plans to reopen their services. Rendezvous Senior Day Services will

Attachments:

SDS E-Alert: Updated Guidance on Reopening Settings
Reopening SNF Guidelines – FINAL
Reopening Congregate Residential Settings Guidelines – FINAL
Guidelines for Congregate NON-Residential Settings – FINAL
Email from Licha Kelley-King, Executive Director – Rendezvous Senior Day Services

Diane Bixby

From: Office-JNU-HSS-SDS E-News (HSS sponsored) <SDS-E-News@alaska.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 6:37 PM
To: Office-JNU-HSS-SDS E-News (HSS sponsored); sds-e-news
Subject: [sds-e-news] SDS E-Alert: Updated Guidance on Reopening Settings
Attachments: Reopening SNF Guidelines - FINAL 2020.06.30.pdf; Reopening Congregate Residential Settings Guidelines - FINAL 2020.06.30.pdf; Guidelines for congregate NON Residential settings 06-29-20.pdf



June 30, 2020

SDS E-Alert: Updated Guidance on Reopening Settings

The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services released today three **updated** documents containing guidelines for reopening of congregate residential, congregate non-residential and nursing home settings. Providers can use the attached guidelines to assist with making a decision whether and how to open. These guidelines will also be available on these specific COVID webpages soon:

- Resources for Health Care Professionals: <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/healthcare.aspx>
- Specific Groups (High Risk Populations): <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/populations.aspx>
- Precautions for High Risk Groups. <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dph/Epi/id/Pages/COVID-19/highrisk.aspx>

The Department of Health and Social Service also rescinded [Health Alert 7](#) as of today.

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From: Licha Kelley-King <rendezvous@kpunet.net>
Sent: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 10:32 AM
To: dee.wright@themanor.directak.net; Judy Zenge; 'Fuller Emily'; Abner Hoage
Subject: Rendezvous reopening

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Good morning!

I am happy to announce to you that Rendezvous Senior Day Services will reopen on Monday, July 20. Hooray! The next two weeks will give us time to reconfigure our facility, do more training to follow guidelines from DHSS and be ready for our new normal.

This has been a tough 3 ½ months for our mutual clients. Thanks to all of you who have been a part of keeping them healthy and cared for during their isolation.

Call or email me with any questions

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