Greetings,   *Friday, March 13, 2020*

Dansville Community Center is committed to supporting the health of all members, staff, guests, and participants especially during this emerging health situation related to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). This situation is evolving, and the center leadership is working to keep a safe environment and giving you relevant information that affects our center, our programs and our community. The most accurate information can be found at the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and New York State Department of Health websites which are listed below.

Universal precautions are being made to allow you to feel comfortable attending the center and our programs. We have started a robust cleaning and disinfection schedule. We will clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily. This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks. We will no longer encourage hugs and handshakes; a simple nod and smile will go a long way. There will be plenty of soap, hand sanitizer, and bleach solution available.

Below are prevention recommendations:

Clean your hands often

- **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol**. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth** with unwashed hands.

Avoid close contact

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Put distance between yourself and other people if COVID-19 is spreading in your community. This is especially important for people who are at higher risk of getting very sick.

Stay home if you're sick

- **Stay home** if you are sick, except to get medical care.

Cover coughs and sneezes

- **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
- **Throw used tissues** in the trash.
- Immediately **wash your hands** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not readily available, clean your hands with a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Wear a facemask if you are sick

- **If you are sick:** You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. If you are not able to wear a facemask (for example, because it causes trouble breathing), then you should do your best to cover your coughs and sneezes, and people who are caring for you should wear a facemask if they enter your room.

- **If you are NOT sick:** You do not need to wear a facemask unless you are caring for someone who is sick (and they are not able to wear a facemask). Facemasks may be in short supply and they should be saved for caregivers.

Lastly, we encourage you to only share information from trusted sources. For accurate, up-to-date information, visit:

https://www.cdc.gov

https://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/coronavirus/

Thank you for your patience and vigilance during this season. Please continue to keep your thoughts and prayers for those affected by COVID-19 and healthcare workers who are working to minimize the spread of the virus.

Regards,

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