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# The Upside Of Aging

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**STAY HOME.**  
**STAY SAFE. SAVE LIVES.**

On March 24th, the Governor of Michigan, Gretchen Whitmer, issued Executive Order 2020-21 (COVID-19) requiring the temporary suspension of activities that are not necessary to sustain or protect life. To comply with this order the COA is currently providing only Home Health Care and Medication Management services. The COA has temporarily suspended Foot Care, House Cleaning and Outdoor Services. These services will be reinstated when allowed by the State of Michigan.

Please know that COA workers are strictly following the recommended hand washing, surface decontamination, and social distancing guidelines in order to do everything possible to promote the health and wellbeing of our clients and our staff.

You may have received a phone call from one of our workers, as they are reaching out to our clients and other seniors in the area to check on them and see if they have any urgent needs.

We are providing regular grocery shopping of essential items and prescription pickup to those that have no other means of getting them. If this is something that you need or are aware of a senior in the area that has a need, please call our office at 231-922-4688 and we will have one of our workers follow-up with you within a couple days.

<http://www.gtcountycovid19.com/>

## Questions About COVID-19?



Call the COVID-19 Hotline at 888-535-6136,  
7 days a week from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



Email COVID19@michigan.gov 24/7. Emails  
will be answered 7 days a week, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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**Senior Center Curbside Meal Services**

The Senior Center is offering curbside meal service at the following locations from 11am-11:30am:

- Tuesdays - Traverse City Senior Center, 801 E Front St, TC
  - Wednesdays - The Rock, 115 E Blair St, Kingsley
  - Fife Lake Public Library, 77 Lakecrest Ln, Fife Lake
  - Thursdays - Redeemer Lutheran Church, 1896 Rogers Rd, Interlochen
- Reservations are required by 2pm the day before by calling 231-922-4911.

**2020 Tax Filing Extension**

The IRS has announced that it has extended the tax filing deadline to July 15. The State of Michigan tax filing is also extended to July 15.

At this time the free AARP tax program is suspended. We have not heard if it will resume at a later date, but will contact those with previous appointments to reschedule if they resume.



Don't forget to complete your 2020 Census questionnaire to be counted. You can respond online, by phone, or by mail. To respond by phone call 844-330-2020.

Beware of scam calls and emails regarding the stimulus payments. The IRS will not contact you to ask for your bank account information, so do not give it out to anyone.



Make a Payment  
Submit Online

Although our office is not open to the public at this time, you may still drop off your payment in our drop box by our front door or make a payment online by going to [www.gtcoa.org](http://www.gtcoa.org) and clicking on the Online Payment icon. There are no processing fees being charged for online payments at this time.

**Got TP?**

We are taking donations of toilet paper, Lysol spray, hand sanitizer, and disinfecting wipes. If you can donate to others, please do. If you need some, let us know.



**May Staff Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Birthdays**

- Rhonda Y- 05/01
- Cyndie F- 05/05
- Lisa F- 05/09
- Joan C - 05/10
- Deb S - 05/18
- Clarissa F- 05/31



**Anniversaries**

- Patti B - 05/07 - 3 yrs
- Don L - 05/22 - 3 yrs
- Brenda V - 05/30 - 2 yrs

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