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## COMMUNITY NOTICE

March 25, 2020

### Take-out meal service available for seniors

Meals being served curbside at usual sites from Parachute to Carbondale

GARFIELD COUNTY, CO – Garfield County Senior Programs is offering take-out meal services for the senior community from Parachute to Carbondale. The safety of clients and staff is the program's highest priority, and staff is working hard to meet the immediate needs of our vulnerable adults during this disruption due to COVID-19.

The temporary congregate take-out meal service utilizes our dietitian-created and -approved menu. All meals in the month of April are cold for safety purposes and are served at curbside to limit potential interactions.

“What a difference two weeks makes. On March 15, we made the hard decision to suspend our congregate meals, Well and Wise classes and all upcoming events. Traveler has suspended all non-essential services, as well,” said Senior Services Program Manager Judy Martin. “Our senior community is so important to us and we want to keep everyone safe and healthy. We moved to a new food service, which we tested in the western portion of the county.”

Reservations are needed by noon two weekdays before the meal you want, so please call the Rifle Senior Center at (970) 665-6540 to make your reservations for New Castle, Silt, Rifle and Parachute. Call 665-0041 for Glenwood Springs and Carbondale RSVPs. Meals in Glenwood Springs have been consolidated to two days a week.

“We are suggesting a \$3 donation for the meal and/or utilizing the meal punch cards, but no one will be turned away due to inability to pay,” Martin said. “Home delivery is determined on a case-by-case basis.”

Participants are asked to pick up meals at the take-out location between noon and 12:30 p.m. If a participant is unable to pick up their meal, they may assign someone else to pick up and deliver the meal.

“You will be met at your car where we will ask for the name on the reservation and if you need a sugar-free dessert,” Martin added. “Due to the state’s social-distancing protocol, we must keep folks six feet apart from each other.”

The meal site schedule is as follows:

- **Monday:** New Castle at Castle Valley Senior Center, 201 Castle Valley Blvd., outside the community room. Glenwood Springs is a CONSOLIDATED LOCATION at Colorado Mountain College, 1402 Blake Avenue. Please enter at the lower parking lot and come to the side entrance.
- **Tuesday:** Rifle Senior Center, 50 Ute Avenue.
- **Wednesday:** Parachute, Valley Senior Center, 540 N. Parachute Avenue; Silt at Silt Town Center, 600 Home Avenue. Carbondale is at a NEW LOCATION at the parking lot behind the Carbondale Town Hall and Recreation Center, 567 Colorado Ave., around the back.
- **Thursday:** Rifle Senior Center, 50 Ute Avenue.
- **Friday:** Rifle Senior Center, 50 Ute Avenue and Glenwood Springs at Colorado Mountain College, 1402 Blake Avenue. Please enter at the lower parking lot and come to the side entrance.

Should you need help with food during this time, please contact our food line at 970-665-0041. Please remember to keep a supply of shelf-stable food on hand during this crisis and know we care about you.

“In times like this, it is comforting to know we have a caring community around us,” Martin said. “Let us pray for the safety and health of every single one of us, including our most vulnerable neighbors. Thank you for your friendship, stay healthy and know you are not alone.”

For more information on Senior Programs, go to the Garfield County website, [www.garfield-county.com](http://www.garfield-county.com), and choose the Seniors tab at the top to access our information.

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