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## CHATHAM COUNCIL ON AGING CLOSURE

Out of an abundance of caution and considering the population served by the Chatham Council on Aging is one of the high-risk groups during the current Public Health Emergency, the Chatham Council on Aging (COA) will be CLOSED until FURTHER NOTICE.

This action is consistent with the recently announced closure of the Monomoy Regional School District and Governor Baker's ban on gatherings of more than 25 persons. Neighboring communities have taken similar action to slow the spread of COVID-19.

The Town will be undertaking a thorough disinfection of the Council on Aging/Senior Center during the closure.

COA Staff will be available to assist the public Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm via phone and email. Please call 508-945-5190 or visit <https://www.chatham-ma.gov/council-aging>.

Essential services such as Elder Services of Cape Cod & Islands home delivered meals, limited essential transportation, Healthy Meals in Motion mobile food pantry, and remote SHINE insurance counseling will be maintained as long safe and practicable.

Any person who is experiencing symptoms such as a fever, and cough or difficulty breathing is encouraged to self-isolate and call your healthcare provider for medical advice.

All persons are urged to maintain social distancing (6 feet from other persons) whenever possible and to wash hands, utilize alcohol-based hand sanitizer, and practice proper respiratory etiquette. High risk individuals, including older adults, those with underlying medical conditions (heart or

lung disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, weakened immune system, anyone who is pregnant), are urged to avoid large gatherings.

Updated information is available on the Town's website:  
<https://www.chathamga.gov/home/pages/covid-19-coronavirus-information>.