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Seniors' Support Services–CPHC Takes Precautions for COVID-19 Virus

Effective immediately, Seniors' Support Services - Community Primary Health Care (CPHC) of Lanark, Leeds & Grenville will be suspending some of its programs in order to protect its clients, volunteers, and staff from risks associated with the COVID-19 virus.

Seniors and others we serve are the most vulnerable to this virus. We want to ensure that we take every possible measure to avoid placing our clients, their caregivers, our volunteers and our staff at risk. Our mandate is to keep seniors out of hospitals and allow them to lead productive lives within their own homes and communities. At this time it is extremely important for us to take additional measures to protect them.

Seniors Support Services (CPHC) provides community support and in-home care for hundreds of seniors and those with disabilities across the Tri-Counties of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville. Hundreds of volunteers assist the staff to deliver a wide range of programs such as: *Meals on Wheels, Transportation to medical appointments, exercise programs, social events, etc., and many other services.*

Following consultation with the South East LHIN, staff met late Friday to identify which programs should be suspended or postponed. As such, all **Diners' Clubs, Exercise & Fall Prevention classes, foot care, Stroke Survivor and Aphasia Support Groups** have been suspended until further notice. **The annual 'March for Meals Week' has been postponed.** At this time Meals On Wheels deliveries will continue with our volunteers taking extra measures to ensure safe deliveries/handovers to the clients and caregivers. Adult Day Programs in Brockville, Prescott, Gananoque and Kemptville, will continue to operate with close monitoring, limited access and regular health screening checks. Transportation services will continue with regular screening checks conducted on clients and volunteer drivers. Other precautionary measures are also in place for the staff and volunteers.

Seniors Support Services-CPHC is committed to ensuring that we do our part in keeping our clients and communities safe. For ongoing updates, please visit our website at www.cphcare.ca or our Facebook page.

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