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**Transportation  
Schedule:**

Monday, Wednesday,  
Friday:  
Medical appointments

Tuesday:  
Community Grocery  
Shopping

Thursday:  
Bristol  
Housing Authority  
Grocery Shopping

Pick up time starts at  
8:30 am.



BENJAMIN CHURCH  
SENIOR CENTER

*April 2020*

You may be isolated for a  
while but not forgotten.



Love You!  
253-8458



**#Seni♥rsmatter**

**COME, LEARN AND GROW.**



## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

*This was posted on March 23, 2020*

*On March 9, Governor Gina M. Raimondo declared a State of Emergency in Rhode Island. A series of preparedness and response measures have been announced. In addition, given the higher risk of severe COVID-19 illness among older individuals, specific guidance has been issued for this population.*

*The Governor reinforced the importance of following CDC guidance, including the recommendation that older adults practice social distancing (of 6 feet or more) and avoid gatherings of more than 10 individuals.*

*Yesterday (March 19), we met with Director of the Office of Healthy Aging and Dr. MacDonald from the RI Department of Health for more specific guidance. The following reflects our plan moving forward for the immediate future based on this conversation and their recommendations:*

*Beginning today (March 13, 2020) Benjamin Church Senior Center will be closed. Our staff, however, will be manning our phone lines for questions, concerns and a resource for public information. In addition, our staff will be making wellness phone calls to our membership and seniors in the community throughout the duration. **Please do not come to the Center.** We are taking this time to man our phones and to conduct a deep, deep clean of the entire building.*

*Again, all enrichment programs, groups and events have been temporarily suspended. We will provide you with an updated calendar as we progress through this time period. We realize that many people are concerned and that there is a great deal of misinformation circulating and we would like to stress the importance of utilizing legitimate resources to make informed decisions.*

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If you plan on buying anything online-please help support our mission by doing it on Amazon Smile. Simply login at [www.smile.amazon.com](http://www.smile.amazon.com) and choose the Benjamin Church Senior Center as your non-profit organization to support. We will receive .5%. Thank you for your support.

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*So why are we doing this, it is not because there is reason for panic. We are engaging in this closure in an effort to delay the possible spread of this contagion by keeping people away from each other, We have a chance to help more people effectively and not overwhelm hospitals and infrastructure. We all have a role to play in keeping each other safe and healthy. This is our response toward that end.*

*We promise to keep in touch along the way to keep you informed. You can expect phone calls from our staff, up to date information on our website and social media as well as eblasts on a regular basis. Please be sure to pay attention to all of them.*

*For you own personal safety, we ask you to do the following:*

- 1. Stay home*
- 2. Wash your hands, wash your hands, wash your hands*
- 3. Be sure to have on hand enough necessary medications*
- 4. Stay connected to family, friends and community resources (including your health provider) by phone*
- 5. Make a plan to ensure that you have the items necessary to support you in the event you should get sick -*

*Be sure to have our phone number next to or in your phone. We will be manning our phones Monday through Friday.*

*Our voicemail will also be engaged in the event you need to leave a message.*

***In the event of an emergency, please dial 911***

## **Nutrition Lunch Program**

We had to cancel lunch on Friday, March 20, 2020 in order to comply with state leadership. During the week on March 16, 2020 we had Kelly Botelho-Caton from the ***Admiral Pub*** in Warren reach out and donated 50 meals of corn beef and cabbage to the individuals whom were on the nutrition program. ***Destiny's Hometown Diner*** from Bristol donated 75 soup, salad and sandwiches.



The nutrition program did have anything in place until Monday, March 23, 2020. With the maximum of 50 meals each day Monday-Friday. With a good portion of our members that use our transportation service and the STAY at HOME to keep **you** safe Benjamin Church Senior Center decided to deliver to all of the individuals and keep them HOME.

## ***LATEST GUIDANCE AND INFORMATION***

### **Stay At Home**

The Governor has issued a stay-at-home order until April 13. This means that all Rhode Islanders should stay home unless getting food, medicine, gas, or going to work.

### **Gatherings**

Starting immediately, all gatherings of more than 5 people are banned. Individuals should be interacting with the same people every day to minimize the risk of spread. This order does not apply to healthcare workers in a workplace setting, public transportation or office buildings. However, people must practice social distancing at all times.

[www.health.ri.gov](http://www.health.ri.gov)

[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/checklist.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/checklist.html)

### **Special grocery store hours**

(age 60+ and those with chronic medical conditions)

Aldi's	6-7a
Clements Market	7-8a
Brigido's Fresh Markets	7-10a
Dave's (large locations)	7-8a
Dave's (small locations)	8-9a
Dollar General	6-7:30a
Jerry's Market	7-8a
Ma & Pa's (Hope Valley)	Curbside pickup
Richmond Farms Fresh Market	7:30-8a
Roch's Fresh Foods	Free delivery
Save-A-Lot	8-9a
Seabra	6-7a
Shaw's	7-9a (Tues and Thurs)
Stop & Shop	6-7:30a
Target	7-8a
Walmart	6-7a (Tues)
Whole Foods	8-9a

SENDING YOU  
A SOCIALLY-  
DISTANCED HUG



RHODE ISLAND OFFICE OF  
**HealthyAging**

**Happy  
EASTER**

**Point** connect to info ☎ 401.462.4444  
& help anytime 📄 [www.oa.ri.gov](http://www.oa.ri.gov)

Check out the **NEW** website for  
**Rhode Island Office Of Healthy Aging** for  
some great resources. [WWW.OHA.RI.GOV](http://WWW.OHA.RI.GOV)

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**COMMUNITY SUPPORT**



# Food Distribution



**Thursday  
March 26**

Over  
275 bags of produce  
& 275 bags of groceries  
deliver to Seniors in  
Bristol

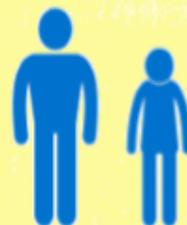


**March 16  
March 31**

Over 730 meals  
to Seniors in  
Bristol Severed  
by Meals on  
Wheels

**March 16  
March 31**

Over 495  
hot meals to  
Seniors in Bristol  
Severed



**Thursday  
March 26**

330 lbs. of food  
donated to  
Food Pantry



**March 23  
March 31**

Over 280 lunch  
meals delivered  
to Seniors in  
Bristol



*Benjamin Church Senior Center –received 10 pallets of food from We Share Hope  
We appreciate all the generous donations and support from our community.  
Benjamin Church Senior Center - Non-profit organization*

**WISHING YOU  
peace, love  
and happiness  
at EASTER  
and always.**

**Love you, Donna & Maria**



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# Bristol Real Estate Together

Kristin McGrath, CENTURY 21 Topsail Realty  
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 Morgan Lewis, Residential Properties  
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 Danielle De Luca, Vantage Point Realty  
 Tanya Costa, Vantage Point Realty  
 Erin Vendetti, William Raveis Real Estate  
 Natasha Horvatic, William Raveis Real Estate  
 Sarah Principe, William Raveis Real Estate

Supporting our  
 Seniors and our  
 Community



**WE**  
 are so **blessed**

*Thanks to all who  
 have dropped off  
 non-perishable  
 items.*

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***Benjamin Church Senior Center would like to  
THANK Bayside YMCA.***

***Operations Director Tricia Driscoll has been working  
with our organization for the past  
3 weeks. Tricia and her staff have been by our side since  
our closure on Friday, March 13, 2020.***



***Thanks to our friends from Singing Out Against Hunger and  
Keller Williams Newport | East Bay | North Kingstown for the  
helping on bagging groceries on Thursday, March 26, 2020.***

