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2020 CENSUS EVERYONE COUNTS!

Your 2020 Census response is more important than ever as it gives you the opportunity to shape the future of Knoxville and Knox County. When you complete the 2020 Census, you contribute to an accurate count that will help with funding for CAC and the Office on Aging, along with other agencies which serve older adults in our area and are dependent on some type of Federal Funding. These are programs like Mobile Meals, LIHEAP, SNAP, Medicaid, transportation, mental health services and senior centers. An accurate census count also provides funding for hospitals, schools, roads, fire departments, Head Start and other critical programs and services.

Responding to the Census is easier than ever. If you did not receive a letter or a post card, you can still respond by going online and entering your home address. There are four (4) excellent ways to submit your information:

- Online at My2020Census.gov (prompts make it very easy)
- By phone at 1-844-330-2020 (a real census worker will walk you through all the questions)
- Paper Census (please complete in ink
 not pencil and mail back)



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 Call Senior Information and Referral at 865-546-6262 for local, personal assistance with your census.

There are only nine (9) questions and most people complete the census in less than 10 minutes.

Be sure to count everyone in your home on this census. Include all adults, babies, young children, foster children and non-relatives living in your home. Your answers are kept confidential and can never be used against you in any way.

Remember that the 2020 Census is as important as voting. It makes a real difference, so spread the word! This is an excellent way to use your time at home to accomplish something really important to our area.

Please note:

During this 2020 Census time, scam artists may try to take advantage of you. Phone calls asking for your social security number, bank or credit card numbers or for money to complete the census or a donation to complete the census is never legitimate. Always hang up.

PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST SCAMS: A LOOK AT SCAMS AND COVID-19

OFFICE ON AGING

By Sasha Hammett, Rise Above Crime Program Manager

During these challenging times where much of our attention is focused on the coronavirus pandemic, threats to older adults are heightened as social isolation grows, scams flourish, and residents of longterm care facilities are less likely to have contact with family and friends. Older adults are more at risk now than ever, not only for contracting the virus but also because they are being targeted for yet another type of scam during an already scary time. Companies are attempting to scam individuals by selling unapproved products intended to prevent or treat COVID-19.

Recently the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) issued warning letters to companies selling fraudulent COVID-19 products. These products are unapproved drugs that pose significant risks to patient health and violate federal law. The FDA and FTC are taking this action as part of their response to protect Americans during the global COVID-19 outbreak. The FDA is particularly concerned that products that claim to cure, treat, or prevent COVID-19 may cause older adults to delay or stop appropriate medical treatment, leading to life-threatening harm.

As this publication goes to press, there are currently no vaccines or drugs approved to treat or prevent COVID-19. Be cautious of those selling products that claim to prevent, treat, or cure COVID-19. These fraudulent products may come in many varieties, including dietary supplements and other foods, drugs, medical devices or vaccines. Products that claim to prevent, treat, or cure COVID-19 defraud older adults of money and can place these individuals at risk for serious harm. If you or someone you know have experienced this type of scam, the FDA is asking that you report these products to the FDA's MedWatch Adverse Event Reporting program at: https://www. accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/medwatch/index.cfm.

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COPING IN THE COVID-19 HEALTH CRISIS

As this publication goes to press, the number of COVID-19/Coronavirus cases are on the rise in Knox County. Governor Lee has issued a Stay at Home mandate for all non-essential employees. This means that non-essential travel should be limited to reduce the possibility of community spread of the virus. Essential errands, such as doctor's appointments, trips to the grocery store or pharmacy, are still allowable under the mandate, though you are urged to take precautions when doing so. If you are able, wear a mask when you visit public places, wash your hands thoroughly and/or use hand sanitizer often. Limit your time in public places to avoid potential exposure to the virus.

Remember, anyone who appears seemingly healthy may potentially be an asymptomatic carrier of the coronavirus. Always practice social distancing and stay at least six feet from those around you.

In an effort to limit community spread of the virus, all of CAC's public meetings, events, and fundraisers have been postponed until further notice. The O'Connor Senior Center, the Daily Living Center, and the Ross Building have been temporarily closed to the public. We will keep you updated on our status through our social media accounts and on our website. Staff are still available to take phone calls.

Staff at the Office on Aging are still reporting to work. Essential programs such as Mobile Meals and CAC Transportation have seen no interruption in service. We are continuing to provide these and other important services in keeping with our long-held mission of "Helping People. Changing Lives."

STAY IN TOUCH WITH US!

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Call Senior Information and Referral at 865-546-6262

Visit our website at knoxseniors.org

Call us at 865-524-2786 (Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:45 p.m.)

CONSIDER THE SOURCE

It is always important to consider our sources of information. There is a lot of misinformation on the internet and social media. Stay safe by following guidelines of trusted and reputable reporting sources. We recommend these online resources for accurate and dependable information relating to public health and the coronavirus:

Knox County Health Department: covid.knoxcountytn.gov

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: cdc.gov

World Health Organization: who.int

FEELING ANXIOUS? *CALL THE MENTAL HEALTH STRIKE TEAM*

The Tennessee Disaster Mental Health Strike Team is open to taking calls from any older adult who is feeling high anxiety and needs to speak to someone. The phone number is (865) 363-1239. This number is not for obtaining information about community resources. For that, please call Senior Information and Referral at 865-546-6262, East Tennessee 211 at 2-1-1 or the Office on Aging at 865-524-2786.

CAC EMERGENCY RESPONSE FUND

- The Knoxville-Knox County Community Action Committee serves the citizens of Knox
- County from children to seniors. Now more
- than ever, we need community support to
- provide essential services to those in need.
- In addition to the monetary donations
- needed, we need grocery store gift cards and
- gas cards. Those can be sent to P.O. Box 51650,
- Knoxville, TN 37950-1650 or dropped off
- curbside at 2247 Western Ave, Knoxville, TN
- 37921. Please call 865-546-3500 for curbside pick-up.
- Donations will be used for store gift cards,
- groceries, gas cards, household hygiene items, and other necessities.
- To donate to this fund, visit knoxseniors. org or mail a check to the address above.
 - If you are interested in volunteering, send an



email to sam.pohlot@knoxseniors.org or call 865-524-2786.

The Knoxville – Knox County Community Action Committee is delivering Mobile Meals to seniors and disabled individuals, supporting families with children, providing transportation to essential medical appointments like dialysis, continuing with home repairs and weatherization, and providing in-home services to at-risk seniors.

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CAC MOBILE MEALS VOLUNTEERS STEP UP!

During this unprecedented time, a special plan has been implemented to safely continue service to the seniors in our community. The family of Mobile Meals volunteers have risen to the occasion to help with these changes.

- A weekly meal delivery schedule has been put in place to limit personal contact and lower the risk of spreading COVID-19.
 Each Mobile Meals client receives one box containing five complete meals. Volunteers adapted by making extra room in their vehicles for the boxes and increased number of clients, following safety protocol and continuing to serve.
- In addition to home delivery service, Mobile Meals continues to serve seniors in high rise apartment buildings and communities that normally receive nutritious meals in a group dining setting. Volunteers have met this challenge by implementing a door-to-door and drive-through meal service for these seniors.
- On non-delivery days, volunteers are conducting the all-important wellness checks via the Mobile Meals phone app.
 Volunteers replace the in-person contact with a friendly phone call each day. These phone calls allow Mobile Meals staff to respond to needs, help with referrals for additional services, and assist with any urgent situations. These check-ins help combat isolation and brighten the day for both Mobile Meals clients and volunteers.
- Small groups of volunteers have helped bridge the gap to package meal boxes while we continue daily service. These groups also helped package 3,000 commodities bags that were distributed to food insecure individuals throughout Knox County.
- At the time of printing this publication, 1,400 weekly meal boxes are currently being packed and delivered to seniors in need. Every week, we are adding approximately 20 additional seniors that are struggling with food insecurity.



To these volunteers, we say thank you for sharing your love, time, and energy, and for recognizing the needs of seniors in our community!



MOVING FORWARD

Our hope is to

continue to meet the needs of the homebound seniors in Knox County. The seniors that we are helping have both short-term and long-term needs ranging from a temporary loss of their support system to having their support system changed entirely due to family members losing jobs or going without income. We are anticipating an increase of seniors needing daily meals that may continue into 2021.

This increase will require additional funding. The long-term economic impact for Mobile Meals is still unknown, but we are diligently working with our local, state, and national partners to help direct funding to our community. We are committed to serving the older adults in our community and hope that as we approach the second half of this year, you will also extend your support when able. We will all get through this together.

IMPORTANT RESOURCES IN KNOX COUNTY

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The Department is waiving its requirement for drivers' licenses that citizens appear in person and have a new photograph taken through October 1, 2021. This will allow many customers with expiring credentials to renew online and not visit in person.

- Non-US citizens with Temporary driver licenses
- (Class XD and XID) will still need to visit in
- person to renew those licenses upon expiration of the current license.
- All Driver Licenses, Learner Permits,
- Commercial Driver Licenses, Photo Identification
- Licenses (ID), and Handgun Carry Permits
 that would awairs between March 12, 2020
- that would expire between March 12, 2020,
- and May 19, 2020, will be extended for six (6)
- months from the original expiration date. The
- Department will issue a letter of extension to the
- individuals affected. Affected individuals will be required
- to keep the letter with them during the
- extension period.

The deadline for obtaining a Real ID has been extended until October 1, 2021. The Department has temporarily stopped issuing Real IDs. This extension will help make sure we can issue a Real ID to everyone who wants one before the deadline, while making sure people are not coming into centers during this time of social distancing.

City of Knoxville and 2-1-1's Chatbot

In the City of Knoxville's ongoing effort to keep the public informed, in particular when their offices are closed, or in the case of sudden increases in volume, they have created this intuitive, easy to use Chatbot to help answer questions regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus) as well as the 2020 Census. Go to knoxvilletn.gov and click on the blue bubble at the bottom.

Learn more about the City's 311 Call Center at knoxvilletn.gov/311.

- Learn about the 211 Call Center at
- tn211@mycommunitypt.com. 🗖

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IS MY PET SAFE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC? ALWAYS STAY HEALTHY AROUND ANIMALS

As this publication goes to press, in the United States, there is no evidence to suggest that any animals, including pets, livestock, or wildlife, might be a source of COVID-19 infection at this time. However, because all animals can carry germs that can make people sick, it's always a good idea to practice healthy habits around pets and other animals.

- Wash your hands after handling animals, their food, waste, or supplies.
- Practice good pet hygiene and clean up after pets properly.
- Talk to your veterinarian if you have questions about your pet's health.

Protect pets if you are sick

If you are sick with COVID-19 (either suspected or confirmed), you should restrict contact with pets and other animals, just like you would around other people. This can help ensure both you and your animals stay healthy.

- When possible, have another member of your household care for your animals while you are sick.
- Avoid contact with your pet including: petting, snuggling, being kissed or licked, and sharing food.
- If you must care for your pet or be around animals while you are sick, wash your hands before and after you interact with them.

For more information, visit CDC's Healthy Pets, Healthy People website at cdc.gov/healthypets.



THANK YOU TO THE SPONSORS OF PANCAKE FEST 2020

The O'Connor Center's annual Pancake Fest, held on March 6, saw more than 700 folks in attendance and raised just over \$14,000. These funds will allow us to continue providing the valuable services and programs that our older adults want and need in our community.

We appreciate the support from our elected officials, city and county offices, businesses, and community members. Thank you to all of our performers who provided entertainment. Special thanks to WATE, WBIR, WVLT, and Cumulus Media for their support in promoting and participating in Pancake Fest.

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UT Center for Pelvic Medicine

PANCAKE FEST VOLUNTEERS & SUPPORTERS

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DEDICATION TO SERVE IN A TIME OF CRISIS



DOTTIE LYVERS Director Office on Aging

essential services to the most vulnerable people in our community. Now, more than ever, we are serving those who depend on us for help.

As staff of the Office

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Office on Aging stepped

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they are needed.

The Office on Aging staff, with help from countless volunteers, quickly changed gears and made plans to continue serving our clients in a safer, socially distanced way. The impacts of our continued connection with clients has been significant.

Staff are making wellness check calls to our clients, participants, and volunteers. On average, we are checking on more than 1,500 individuals each week. This service has assisted with social isolation and meeting essential needs such as access to food and medication. The calls provide a safe opportunity for clients to ask questions, secure needed resources, and simply have someone to talk with during these isolating times.

Here are some impactful highlights from these vital efforts:

- Secured groceries and medication through various delivery services
- Referred clients to Mobile Meals for additional nutritional support
- Connected clients to in-home services for on-going support
- Helped with access to purchasing medication, needed cleaning supplies /

personal care items for bedbound family members

- Assessed if client was ok and if anyone was checking on them
- Provided emergency food items
- Helped clients establish a new routine and understand what the "Safer at Home" order truly means (i.e. -You can take a walk in your neighborhood and get some fresh air on your front porch and run essential errands).
- Provided grief support as many missed funeral services for family members that passed away
- Assisted with identifying scam calls/mail
- Encouraged physical activity
- Offered medication reminders
- Delivered care packages and activity packets to adult day care participants to provide stimulating things for them to do while at home.
- Spent time talking to families to share ideas of how to handle and help their loved ones during this time
- Encouraged completion of the 2020 Census
- Most importantly provided social support

The calls that we have made have been wellreceived by seniors and their families and have been rewarding for staff and volunteers. Many clients have shared that they feel relieved that someone is checking in on them, especially those with little or no social support. Much to our surprise, a few have been more concerned about our staff during the calls!

Our staff and volunteers have been a lifeline on the other end of the phone. For instance - one of our Senior Companion volunteers called her client to do a daily call. When she didn't answer the phone, the volunteer called someone to conduct a wellness check. Turns out, the client had fallen and could not get up. They called 9-1-1, and luckily the client was ok. The Senior Companion very well may have saved a life that day! Sometimes, it was just having a voice on the other end of the phone. As one family stated– "Thanks for listening -- I just needed to vent to feel better."

Similarly, as a result of the Covid-19 crisis, the Office on Aging launched a new program – Senior Care Calls. As stated on page 8, we are connecting with additional seniors in the community who need a wellness check call. The response from volunteers in the community to assist with this program has been amazing and truly appreciated! Even after the crisis has passed, the Senior Care Calls program will continue. If you know an individual that would benefit from this program, please do not hesitate to call our office.

O'Connor Senior Center and the Daily Living Center began more creative service deliveries in response to the current health crisis. The Daily Living Center staff delivered activity packets and ideas for families and participants to provide stimulating things to do while they are at home. The O'Connor Center provided virtual programming including a Zoom Coffee Hour Conversation, online live exercise classes, and online video exercises.

The Office on Aging continues to provide vital information and assistance services through our Senior Information & Referral line (865-546-6262), East Tennessee 211 (Dial 2-1-1) and our main Office on Aging line (865-524-2786). If you need assistance, please remember that we are only a phone call away!

I would like to personally thank the staff and volunteers who stepped up to meet the new and increased needs of our clients and community during this unprecedented time. You are more than appreciated!

Dottie Lyvers

Director, Office on Aging

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In response to the COVID-19/Coronavirus pandemic, the Office on Aging launched a new program to help combat loneliness and senior isolation during this time of quarantine.

Senior Care Calls will utilize volunteers to make weekly check-in calls to seniors who are homebound, isolated, and lonely.

Although social distancing is an effective way to minimize the risk COVID-19 presents to seniors,

the feelings of loneliness and depression could rise. In 2018, United Way of Greater Knoxville reported that there are roughly 23,000 seniors in Knox County living in isolation. That's 1 in 4 of the senior population.

Our weekly check-in calls can help reduce the number of isolated seniors in Knox County. Do you know a senior that has isolated themselves during the COVID-19 social distancing protocol?

If you know a senior neighbor, friend, or family member who could benefit from a weekly check-in call, visit knoxseniors.org and click on the Senior Care Calls logo. You can also contact Deisha Finley at deisha.finley@knoxseniors.org or call 865-524-2786.