

**Director of Senior Services Report  
CoA Meeting May 10, 2021**

The Colchester Senior Center reopened to the public, effective Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> for some in-person programs. There are morning sessions from 9-12 and afternoon sessions from 1-4 p.m., we close the building from 12-1 p.m. so staff can eat lunch and disinfect the building between program sessions. Some programs are still being held virtually. There are capacity limits for each program, as furniture is spaced to comply with social distancing guidelines and pre-registration is required for all in-person activities. Mask wearing and social distancing while present in the building is required.

The plan is working exceptionally well. People have been aware and compliant with all aspects of our reopening, and it is wonderful to have our members returning after such a long stretch of closure.

Volunteer Receptionists met for a re-training on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, in preparation to return to their volunteer duties. Every volunteer is eager to return.

CHD says that indoor dining and fitness programming are still considered high risk activities and are not recommended at this time.

Effective, May 19<sup>th</sup>, further restrictions will be lifted statewide. Social distancing will be lowered to 3' and mask wearing will still be required for indoor activities. We are planning the June activity calendar to be more inclusive of a broader range of activities, and with reduced social distancing capacity limits will increase in each space and on buses.

We had 150 responses to the digital travel survey, which was more than double the responses to previous annual travel surveys. We definitely have interest in travel. Ruth and I met with our travel vendors over the past 2 weeks to talk about booking some trips in late 2021 into 2022.

The Making Memories Program will begin to run on a shortened schedule in-person, beginning the week of May 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Colchester Lions' Club has sponsored a Welcome Bag Lunch—Grab & Go style for May 19<sup>th</sup>—in celebration of our reopening.

CSC received a generous donation from Colchester Cares, in the amount of \$575, and Mel's Downtown Creamery held a fundraiser for us with a portion of their sales given to us, on our opening day. The check was for \$170. We are always grateful for our generous community partnerships.

A new 14 passenger bus, equipped with a wheelchair lift was ordered. Its anticipated delivery will be in the fall. 80% of the purchase price will be funded through a federal grant, which has been approved. The cost to the town will be less than \$15,000.

The senior center will be closed on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, for Memorial Day.

We are looking forward to the start to the public education for the new senior center project and sharing more with the voters about how a new facility would further enhance our ability to serve our senior community.

**Attendance & Meals Served:**

- Meals delivered in March: Community Café: 231 MOW: 546
- Monthly transports in March: 620
- Monthly attendance in March: 1,118
- Total Membership: 1,387