

The Office on Aging has re-opened!

Adjusted Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:45am-12:30pm

Closed Wednesday

We mean it literally when we say everyone pitched in to get our building ready for re-opening.

We have many to thank for this – our Governing Body and Administration for their support, allowing us to make the necessary modifications in order to safely open our doors; Finance Department for obtaining approvals for all expenses to be charged to the CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act; Public Works for lifting, lugging, building, chopping, blowing, and mostly for putting up with our constant demands for immediate action; Charlie, who retired in February, but never really left; and our staff who worked around the clock and did whatever was asked of them, no matter how early, dirty or tedious. We did it!!!

We have made changes to our building, based on the guidance of the CDC, the State of New Jersey, and the National Council on Aging. We will be limiting capacity to 25%, so each room has been measured and entered into a formula that determines the maximum number of people who will be permitted in each space. Before being granted access to the building, all visitors will be required to:

- 1.) Wear a face covering/mask over their nose and mouth
- 2.) Participate in a screening process, which consists of a touchless infrared temperature check and brief questionnaire, prior to admittance to the building
- 3.) Remain 6 feet away from others
- 4.) Refrain from visiting if unwell or exhibiting signs of illness such as, but not limited to: fever, cough, sore throat, vomiting or diarrhea
- 5.) Notify the Office on Aging immediately if, after visiting the center, receive positive test results for COVID-19

In this initial phase of opening, we will be offering indoor and outdoor socially-distant space for conversation, haircuts (by appointment), and assistance with benefits and entitlements (by appointment). We will not be serving food, but will be offering single-serve beverages. **Please be reminded that the gym will remain closed during this initial period.** Once we have successfully completed 30 days, we expect to graduate to the second phase, when we will expand our hours, offer contactless activities, and introduce access to the gym (by appointment). Please keep in mind that COVID-19 guidelines are constantly changing, and therefore, we will adapt accordingly.

We are well prepared to welcome you back to 55 Reid Street. Below are some photographs of our journey, as well as what you can expect upon your return. We hope to see you, whenever you're ready!



Lobby: signage, touchless sanitizing station & air cleaning plants



South River Glass installing the barrier at the reception window



Reception: signage, distanced chairs, touchless sanitizing station, air purifier & glass barrier



Social room: signage, distanced chairs, touchless sanitizing station & air purifier



Restrooms: hand soap dispensers, faucets, hand dryers & trash cans – all touchless



Everyone pitching in & doing their part



Outdoor oasis: signage, distanced chairs, privacy & lots of fresh air

