June 4, 2021

Attention Senior Center Members:

The Mayor’s Office, the Department of Health and the Department for the Aging have shared specific and required reduced capacity and safety guidance that all senior centers must follow in order to ensure the safety of our members, staff and community upon reopening. We are pleased to announce that the Center @ Lenox Hill Neighborhood House will be reopening in a limited capacity as of Monday, June 14. We are very excited to be back—and very much appreciate everyone’s cooperation as we all follow the required guidelines in order to prioritize each other’s health and safety. Please read on for details.

Beginning June 14, we will be open Monday-Friday, 9am-4pm. As required by the Department of Health and Department for the Aging guidance, all Members and Staff will be required to complete a short health screening on arrival, wear a mask or face covering, and maintain social distance. In the event a Member does not have a mask, we will provide one. Also as required, we will operate at 25% of our usual capacity, which means 30 Members will be allowed into the Center at a time. We cannot wait to see everyone, but we will be encouraging Members to limit the length of your visit, in order to enable others to enter and access our services and programs.

For meals, we will increase our offering of Grab-and-Go Meals to provide one meal per day, Monday-Friday, starting on June 14. Members are still required to reserve meals in advance, which you can do by filling out this reservation form or calling 212-218-0471. Members will NOT be permitted to eat the Grab-and-Go meals (or any other food or drink) at the Center; you must take your meal with you. For the week of June 7 until June 14, we will have grab and go meals on Wednesday 6/9 and Thursday 6/10 as previously scheduled.

For other programs and services, we plan to start with two classes or activities each day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. We are still working out the in-person activity schedule and will share it with you as soon as possible. Activities will be limited to 10 members each and will have same-day sign-up sheets available at the Front Desk. In-person Social Services assistance will be available by appointment; please call 212-218-0569 to schedule an appointment in advance. One computer will be available for Members to use, and same-day sign-up sheets for one-hour slots will be posted at the Front Desk. Online classes will continue on their current schedule as we restart in-person activities.
A few additional notes: our Main Building at 331 East 70th Street is not yet open to the public, so the swimming pool is still closed. We do plan to open these resources and others to Members in a later phase of reopening, so please stay tuned for future updates. The Senior Center at Saint Peter’s Church also remains closed as they continue to recover and rebuild from the flood last January. We are in regular communication with Pastor Stahler and the Church and we will keep everyone informed as to their progress as well.

We will continue to gradually increase our in-person offerings as we move forward and we will be sure to keep you all up-to-date as changes happen.

Thank you very much. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Rose Ginsberg, Director, at 212-218-0315 or rginsberg@lenoxhill.org.

We look forward to seeing you online and in person too!

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