FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Office for the Aging Temporarily Closing Congregate Dining Centers

Effective 3/12/2020, the St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging is temporarily closing all congregate dining centers for the next few weeks. <u>All home delivered meal clients will continue to have meals delivered.</u> Congregate clients will be contacted by Office for the Aging staff to discuss their food options.

This measure is being taken out of an abundance of caution to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus amongst those 60 and above. Older adults are the highest risk level group and should use caution when attending large gatherings. There are still no confirmed positive cases in St. Lawrence County as of this posting.

For more information on COVID-19, please contact the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department at 315-386-2325 or call the New York State Department of Health's Coronavirus Hotline at 1-888-364-3065.

Anyone with questions or concerns, please contact the Office for the Aging at 315-386-4730.

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About St. Lawrence County Office for the Aging:

The Office for the Aging provides service and advocacy for county residents 60 years and older. Programs and services includes: Nutrition Centers and Home Delivered Meals; Home Care Services; Family Caregiver Support; Medical Transportation; Legal Services; Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance. The Office's mission is to develop a service system specifically designed to best meet the social and human needs of the elderly.

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