



January 7, 2021

Dear Senior Program Participants,

I hope that you are well, and you and your loved ones are staying healthy.

As I am sure you are aware the COVID rates in our neighborhood and across the state are increasing daily and the potential exposure is extremely high right now. Therefore, it is with extreme concern for YOU and for our staff that I am writing to inform you that **SBNH senior programs will be closed tomorrow - Friday, January 8, 2021 and will remain closed until further notice.**

We are working closely our State officials to ensure that SBNH staff and our seniors are given priority status for the COVID vaccine – certainly behind our first responders and health care professionals but in the queue as a priority for sure.

SBNH has been open since July 6, 2020 and we are very thankful for your cooperation during this time. We also want to thank you for trusting us and choosing to participate in programs that are important to you.

Our staff have done an amazing job reopening SBNH this summer **and** keeping SBNH open for programming during these difficult times. Our team has risen to the challenge of keeping all of you, our seniors, safe and healthy on a daily basis which takes significant coordination, planning, and care. Our staff have continued to schedule and plan programming in a safe, thoughtful, and careful way. This was all done while they managed their own personal lives and families on top of the stress of the pandemic. I am incredibly grateful for their dedication to you and our Ollie community. **They are our HEROES.**

Our staff are still working and will continue to connect with you through phone calls and mailings and will keep you updated on our plans to re-open. In the meantime, please reach out with any concerns or immediate needs.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Kathy Lafferty
Executive Director

Carole Sullivan
Senior Advocate/Program Director