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Bayfield County Seeks Partners on Senior Meal Program

Bayfield County takes the health and safety of its residents very seriously. For this reason, administration has continued to adapt, develop, and provide services and supports to our most vulnerable residents throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is of considerable concern to older adults; weakened immune systems and the presence of chronic conditions makes them especially vulnerable. Because of this, all congregate meal sites were closed on March 19 and will remain closed until further notice.

A “Grab and Go” option for older adults has been provided in the communities of Iron River and Port Wing. Older adults reserve a meal in advance and pick it up on a designated day during a specific window of time. Home Delivered Meals have continued to be delivered via regular routes to eligible participants throughout the pandemic.

To ensure there is enough capacity for the provision of meals to older adults throughout the county, Bayfield County is seeking interested businesses to provide meals to seniors. Businesses will be required to meet all current Federal eligibility criteria contained in current Elder Nutrition Program contracts. Interested parties can apply by completing the survey here: [ENP Partnership Survey](#)

The Elder Nutrition Program is currently funded through a combination of county levy, Older American’s Act funds and the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act and federal CARES Act, which provides supplementary funds for nutrition programs during COVID-19.

Bayfield County residents, age 60 and older, their family, friends, or caregivers can seek additional information on the Elder Nutrition Program and other options to support independent community living by calling the Aging and Disability Resource Center of the North at 1-866-663-3607.