

PAYSON SENIOR CENTER, INC.
MITIGATION PLAN
For the REOPENING OF THE PAYSON SENIOR CENTER

The goal of the Payson Senior Center, Inc (“PSC”) is to reopen the Senior Center in a manner so those who come through the door can enjoy themselves in a safe environment.

PSC recognizes the increased health risks of COVID-19 and its various strains to those over the age of 64. It is the intention of PSC to follow all CDC guidelines during this pandemic to minimize risk of COVID-19 exposure to our patrons at PSC.

PSC has discussed the risks involved both internally and with the Gila County Health Department and has determined that since those age 65 and over have access to the vaccination, a phased reopening can occur.

Upon entering the building, people will be required to wear a face mask, wash their hands, and receive a temperature check. PSC has staff trained to monitor those who enter and will not allow anyone into the Center with a temperature over 100 or who refuse to comply with our safety protocols.

The sequencing of the reopening will be as follows:

1. March 2021: there will be one activity per day. Participants are required to wear a mask to their chair. Once in place, the participant may remove their mask. All chairs are at least 6 feet apart from each other. If the participant wants to talk to another person, they must put their mask back on or be at least 6 feet from the person. The area of activity is disinfected after each use.
2. April 2021: there will be two to three activities per day. Each participant must wear a face mask until in their place and stay at least 6 feet away from others. The area of activity is disinfected after each use. Each activity is timed so that there is sufficient time to disinfect between the activities. We will continue this process until at least June, and possibly longer if it is deemed necessary.
3. In-house lunches and close-contact games will occur once:
 - a. The COVID-19 cases in this area are stable and below 5%.
 - b. Vaccinations are readily available at a variety of sites including doctor offices and pharmacies.
 - c. Gila County Health Services concurs with starting the above activities.
 - d. CDC guidelines allows people to be 3 to 4 feet apart without a mask.
 - e. Lunches and close-contact games will have no more than four people seated at a table until the CDC allows for the resumption of pre-COVID-19 practices.

- f. Disinfecting will occur before and after lunch and close-contact games.

We will be monitoring any exposure to COVID-19. If it is determined that 2 or more people that have come through our doors within a week of each other have COVID-19 the following investigation will take place:

- a. When were these people on premise at PSC? If 10 or more days have passed, we will continue activities. The individuals who contacted COVID-19 will not be allowed back to PSC until their doctor or Gila County Health Services clears them. If fewer than 10 days have passed, PSC will close the facility for a minimum of 7 days. PSC will notify Gila County Health Service of the situation and follow their guidance on any additional actions.
- b. Were these people in the same activity at PSC? If it is determined that the people were in an activity together, PSC will notify the other participants in the activity of their potential exposure to COVID-19 and recommend that they get a COVID-19 test.

Payson Senior Center takes the risk of COVID-19 very seriously and is committed to do everything possible to keep those who come through our doors safe. While we cannot control what occurs outside our doors, our staff and volunteers will do what is necessary so all who enter our facility follow CDC guidelines.