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Greetings!

When I wrote to you in July, I was hopeful that we would be able to resume activities at SCS' four senior centers in some form. I also made a pledge that we would monitor conditions in our communities with regard to the public health emergency and that science and data would guide our plans moving forward.

After consulting with the SCS board and managers of our senior centers reviewing data on COVID19's spread, we have concluded that resuming indoor programs is too risky. We considered the following issues:

1. The daily count of new cases in Delaware County has increased steadily from less than 20 at the beginning of July to more than 60.
2. The Chester Department of Public Health suggested that school districts in Delaware and Chester Counties conduct virtual learning through mid-October. If it is too risky to bring children to school, how can we ensure the safety of vulnerable seniors at our centers?
3. Other center operators are hosting small, socially-distant programs outdoors to provide seniors opportunities to exercise, converse, and engage in games and lifelong learning.

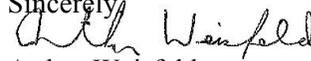
We are as disappointed to deliver this news to you as you will be to receive it. We long for the days when our centers are filled with your laughter, music, service, and energy.

There are several ways that you (or a friend or relative) can find out about outdoor, online and alternative activities we will be offering in September and October to take advantage of the typically pleasant weather we enjoy this time of year. I also remind you that to-go meals remain available and are easy to reserve.

1. **Mail** – Keep an eye on your mail for a new issue of the *SCS Connection*.
2. **SCS Website** – Visit [www.scsdelco.org](http://www.scsdelco.org), which will have updated program calendars for each center at the beginning of September and October.
3. **Social Media** – SCS is active on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube. Calendars, classes and other program information will be available there and updated regularly. Our growing YouTube library features exercise routines, classes and other activities. If you're unfamiliar with social media, perhaps a family member or neighbor can show you how to access them through your phone, television or another device.

The coronavirus has significantly altered our lives and daily routines, unimaginably, since it emerged. We are deeply disappointed that prudence will not allow the start of our journey to the "new normal" as envisioned. Your health and safety are our guiding concern. We do encourage you to take advantage of our growing portfolio of online, outdoor and telephonic activities during this time of alternative programming. Please know we look forward to welcoming you back as soon as public health circumstances allow. We will get through this together.

Sincerely,



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