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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**Thursday, March 12, 2020**

### **A Statement from Troy Township Supervisor Joseph D. Baltz**

This morning the Township received guidance from the Illinois Department on Aging stating in part:

*“Illinois older adults are among the highest risk population group for becoming seriously ill from COVID-19. Locations where seniors gather such as congregated meal sites and senior centers may increase the risk of transmitting COVID-19 and community spreading of the virus. On Monday, March 9, 2020, Governor JB Pritzker declared a state of emergency based on new guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and evidence emerging across other countries and throughout the United States.*

*The Illinois Department on Aging is requesting all Area Agencies on Aging to immediately suspend all gathering activities placing our older adults at heightened risk including the provision of congregated meals and social activities conducted in group settings.”*

Because the majority of the programs offered in our Township Community Center cater to senior citizens, the most vulnerable population with regards to COVID-19, I have made the difficult decision to suspend all non-essential activities and gatherings in our Township Community Center **until further notice**.

Suspended activities at the Township include the Township’s Wednesday/Friday Senior Program, Joliet Quilters Guild (Mondays), TOPS (Thursdays), Crochet & Knitting group, and all evening educational seminars. Township staff will be reaching out to our Township Senior Program attendees and to the leaders of the Quilters and TOPS programs. Participants in the Quilters and TOPS program should reach out to their respective leaders for more direction on your future meetings. This information will also be posted to our Township website at [www.troytownship.com](http://www.troytownship.com).

Meetings of the Township Board, election activities, and AARP Tax Preparation will be considered essential functions and will continue as planned.

Our greatest concern is for the health and safety of our Township residents and our staff. We will continue to monitor the situation and are hopeful to resume regular activities as soon as possible.

For questions about any of our Troy Township programs or services, please call 815-744-1968.