

# **New Bedford's Buttonwood Senior Center CLOSED due to COVID-19 concerns**

The Buttonwood Senior Center is closed until further notice to protect residents from COVID-19 during the latest surge in transmission of the disease, the City's Council on Aging said.

"With the number of COVID-19 cases rising rapidly across the region and entire state, the last thing we want to do, in accounting for everyone's health and safety, is encourage our seniors to congregate," Council on Aging Director Debra Lee said. "The Council on Aging has closed the Buttonwood center until case numbers show some consistency in reduction. The Council is sorry for any inconvenience this might cause, but safety must take precedence as this pandemic continues."

The Buttonwood Senior Center, also known as the Warming House, is at 1 Oneida St. in Buttonwood Park.

Earlier this month, the Council on Aging announced it was suspending transportation from the Council for anything other than social day programming, also due to COVID-19 concerns.

The City will announce the Senior Center's re-opening on its website and social media channels at a future date when COVID-19 conditions allow.