



South Carolina Institute of
Medicine & Public Health

TASKFORCE:

Social Isolation in Older Adults

Recommendation Development Process

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STEP 3

Review & Refine

Taskforce members review recommendation content and discuss at next meeting

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PH1. Fund increased workforce development and maintenance for the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

Hunt, B., Howell, K. & Sanderson, B. (2022). Lessons Learned from COVID-19: Contagious Disease Outbreak Planning and Response in South Carolina. South Carolina Institute of Medicine & Public Health. <https://imph.org/taskforces/pandemic-preparedness-taskforce>

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- Volunteer legislation for protections and support for drivers
- Increasing access to senior nutrition programs, plus exploring innovative approaches for meal formats
- Digital literacy – improve confidence and comfort with technology
- Incorporating social isolation assessments into clinical settings to lead to more referrals
- Housing stability
- Substance use disorder
- Levels of impact—state, county, city, neighborhood—support (resources and funding) should be available down to local communities

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- Identify/create potential funding sources (without eliminating or subtracting from group dining services) dedicated to socialization for local senior centers/service providers
- Develop and launch a communication campaign, with clear calls to action, to increase public awareness and education on social isolation in older adults
- Form an ongoing coalition to continue efforts of SI TF to build partnerships and foster intervention strategies across sectors
- Leverage existing data collected through various efforts, including community health assessments, to support development of future community-based programs, supports and referral structures