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## Notice to Members and Supporters of York County Senior College

### RE: National Digital Equity Center (NDEC)

Over these past months YCSC has been very concerned about our members and friends who are not able to participate in the COVID 19-dictated change to our mode of delivering lectures and courses, now via Zoom/internet. If your reluctance to use the Zoom platform is the lack of equipment (computer, laptop or tablet) or the availability of assistance in developing your online skills, we want to make you aware of a potential resource.

The **National Digital Equity Center** based in Machias, ME with staff statewide, is committed to closing the Digital Divide, and are proponents of Digital Equity which is necessary for civic and cultural participation, employment, lifelong learning and access to essential services. NDEC offers a number of resources, a few of which are:

- A **Tablet Program** to any Maine resident 70 years and older who does not have a Tablet/Laptop/Computer to help them "connect" with family and friends, as well as connect with their health care providers. **The Tablet subscription is FREE for 90 days.** The recipient can continue the subscription service at \$25.00 per month at the end of the 90-day free period. If the recipient wishes to stop using the Tablet at the end of 90 days, they only need to return the Tablet to the NDEC office, which can be done via the US Postal Service. For those under 70 years old, the Tablets are available for \$25.00 per month, but without the 90 days free to start.
- Information on solutions for **affordable Broadband internet connection.**
- **"Aging Well with Technology" curriculum** which includes an extensive list of FREE online computer skills classes to help you develop new skills.

For further information, contact NDEC as follows:

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[tablet@digitalequitycenter.org](mailto:tablet@digitalequitycenter.org)

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*We hope you find this information helpful, and we look forward to seeing you online soon. While the online experience is not near as socially pleasing as in-person classes, when facing a winter of increased isolation due to the pandemic, it provides opportunity to see and stay in touch with others, and continue some lifelong learning.*

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