Resources to Stay Connected:

AARP Foundation's <u>Connect2Affect website</u> offers self-assessments of social connection, information, and resources to get connected.

Institute on Aging Friendship Line

24-hour toll-free Friendship Line for people ages 60 and older, and adults living with disabilities. Toll-free 1-888-670-1360

Alzheimer's Association - Rochester Chapter

Free resources, helpline, caregiver support, and information for those with dementia and their caregivers. Includes local events and activities in Monroe County and Finger Lakes region. 24/7 Helpline 1-800-272-3900

Well Connected by Covia

Connects individuals to virtual classes, conversations, and activities by phone (no internet required). Programs available in English and Spanish:

(877) 797-7299 (English)

(877) 400-5867 (Spanish)

Lifetime Connections Without Walls by Family Eldercare

Free telephone activities program providing opportunities for older adults to connect with others in their community and across the country using a telephone conference call system.

(888) 500-6472 or lcww@familyeldercare.org

SAGEYou

SAGEYou links LGBT elders with their broader community, reducing isolation and promoting well-being.

engAGED: The National Resource Center for Engaging Older Adults provides a searchable list of promising behavioral programs to promote social connection in later life.

<u>The Coalition to End Social Isolation & Loneliness</u> provides a <u>monthly</u> <u>newsletter</u> to stay up-to-date on resources and research.

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine's report, <u>Social Isolation and Loneliness in Older Adults</u>, provides an overview of the role of healthcare in addressing social connection for older patients, including assessment in healthcare settings.

The National Institute on Aging provides a free toolkit: <u>Social Isolation and</u> Loneliness Outreach Toolkit

Free handouts: https://www.eenet.ca/resource/social-connection-isolated-older-adults