March 25, 2020

Dear YMCA Member,

The COVID-19 crisis is affecting everyone in our community in some way and we want to update you on how the situation is affecting the Y and your membership. We are grateful that you have chosen to keep your membership active during this time and are looking forward to when we can open our doors to you again. In the meantime, the Governor’s Stay at Home Order this week is forcing another adjustment to our work which has been focused on being there for you and the community. We have been able to quickly mobilize our staff to launch community projects and also wrap-up additional work including deep cleaning our facilities. We also created an Employee Assistance Fund for staff who are struggling financially due to the changing availability of work at the Y.

**YMCA COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

- On Monday, the Y opened three emergency childcare sites for healthcare workers and EMT’s. Any healthcare worker in our community can call 260-449-8474 between 8:30am and 4:00pm for a referral to one of the locations.
- The Y launched a Grab-&-Go Supper program out of the Renaissance Pointe YMCA on Monday. We have meals for pick up at the Y and others being delivered to local neighborhoods where transportation is an issue. We served 350 meals on the first day!
- “Operation Lifting Spirits” is an effort by our staff to reach out by phone to older adults who are missing their social interactions because the Y is closed.
- A variety of online workouts and family activities are available to help you stay fit and engage your kids during this time of social distancing.
  - Y360 group exercise classes - for Y members for a limited time: [www.fwymca.org/virtual-classes](http://www.fwymca.org/virtual-classes)
  - Y Virtual Services – Personal Training and Coaching: [www.fwymca.org/ymca-virtual-services](http://www.fwymca.org/ymca-virtual-services)
  - Daily content on YMCA Social Media pages: [www.fwymca.org/social-media](http://www.fwymca.org/social-media) (Follow your favorite branch on Social Media)
- The YMCA Youth Service Bureau continues to operate via video/phone to hold truancy hearings, mentor teens, and run Safe Place, our 24/7 crisis intervention program for youth who need immediate shelter. During this time, Y staff are also supplying meals for the vulnerable youth who are in our programs.

**YOUR MEMBERSHIP**

Knowing we will not be permitted to open our YMCA’s before April 7th, any automatic payments scheduled for April 1st will be postponed until April 15th. The 15th of each month will become your new payment date going forward. If we are permitted to re-open the branches on April 13th, which is our goal, this payment would take place after you have access to the Y again. Please let us know at [hereforyou@fwymca.org](mailto:hereforyou@fwymca.org) if this change does not work for you.

If you have already made payment arrangements with our staff, that request will be honored. We appreciate your flexibility during this constantly changing situation and hope that this postponement is one way to show you how much you mean to the Y and how much we appreciate you staying with us during this time. We cannot wait to come together again and see you and all of our members when we reopen.

Community happens at the Y and we’ll be here to serve you now and in the future. Thank you for your continued loyalty.

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