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Dear YMCA Member,

At this unprecedented time, the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) is affecting everyone in our community in some way and we want to fulfill our responsibilities to address the current situation. **After careful consideration of developing public health recommendations, we have made the difficult decision to TEMPORARILY CLOSE all YMCA's in Allen, Whitley and Wells counties – effective at the end of the day on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 until further notice.** We will continue to closely monitor the ever-changing dynamics of the pandemic and reevaluate our closure on a weekly basis. At this time, we hope to reopen on Monday, April 13th for Spring Session.

STILL WORKING FOR YOU

The community counts on the Y, and we are working hard through this crisis to be there for you. It's times like these when your membership is critical to the YMCA beyond the health and wellness benefits you personally enjoy. At this time, we are helping meet needs in many ways such as:

- Creating engaging curriculum to connect families to fun at home activities, including active play ideas, and projects for all ages. Follow your branch on social media to stay connected.
- We are pleased to offer you access to a variety of FREE online workouts and group exercise classes to help you stay fit during this time of social distancing. These options offer high-quality workouts via TV, computer, tablet, and smartphone.
 - Y360 group exercise classes – free to Y members for a limited time: www.fwymca.org/virtual-classes
 - Y Virtual Services – Personal Training and Coaching: www.fwymca.org/ymca-virtual-services
- The YMCA Youth Service Bureau will continue with 400 truancy hearings (5-6 people at a time) and continue our 1 on 1 teen mentoring program. These services are working with the most vulnerable families to provide resources and support to help youth graduate from high school and meet some of their basic needs.
- Continuing to employ some Y staff during the facility closures, preparing for summer camps, conducting maintenance projects, and deep cleaning our facilities for your return.
- Today we are convening with the Allen County Health Department and several other organizations to establish plans to offer childcare for healthcare workers.
- Coordinating with churches and organizations providing volunteers and supplies to assist children and families with meals and food insecurity.

Please visit our website at www.fwymca.org for periodic updates as we strive to keep you informed. Additionally, we encourage you to check the CDC's website at www.cdc.gov or Indiana Dept of Health at www.in.gov/isdh for important updates and safety information. The American Academy of Pediatrics also has helpful information specific to children and families here: www.aap.org.

We know that as a community, we are better when we work together. With your support, we will come through this difficult challenge stronger than ever. Thank you for your continued loyalty to the YMCA.

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