

A MESSAGE FROM CEO, TOM BEERNTSEN



Dear Y Members and Program Participants,

I wanted to give you an update on our plans for the operations as we look forward this week. As you know, the landscape is changing daily. The health and safety of our members continues to be top of mind. We previously announced that we would close our Barker Child Care Center on Egg Harbor Road effective on Wednesday of this week, March 18th.

As of today our two program centers remain open. Today we are announcing the following changes to our operations of our program centers:

- **Effective this Wednesday, March 18th ALL CLASSES are cancelled until further notice.** We had announced previously that all youth classes would be cancelled on that day.
- **We will no longer sell or accept daily, weekly, monthly passes or guest passes.**
- **No Nationwide Members will be allowed to use our facilities.** As you may know, your membership has been honored by almost all YMCAs across America. We are not comfortable welcoming the diverse memberships of individuals from distant communities.
- **Pickleball, our Together Tuesday and Wisdom Wednesday programs are cancelled until further notice.**
- **Our Family/Gymnastic Center will be closed until further notice.**
- **As we mentioned last week, beginning Wednesday, March 18th, youth members under 18 will not be allowed in the Y weekdays before 4 PM.** Should this youth usage exceed our ability to ensure the desired social distancing, we will immediately eliminate all open usage of the Y by youth members.

As we announced last week, we will waive the cost of placing your membership on "Hold". **We simply do not want to lose you as a member!** You will be able to easily resume your membership at the conclusion of the current program interruption. Obviously it would be helpful, if you had the desire and ability, to continue your membership support. Your contribution to the Y would be so very helpful as we work through the negative financial consequences we will incur as a result of the changes we are making to our business. As we mentioned Friday, we will offer to provide program credit.

We also will be offering a child care program for children of community members who are on the front line in providing services related to the COVID 19 virus. The program will be available weekdays from 5:30 AM to 5:45 PM for infants through fifth grade students. Details are now available by calling the Y at 920-743-4949.

Finally, by the end of the week, we will have instructions available on how you might continue a number of exercise classes online.

It is interesting to note that people who have studied past pandemics have discovered that the stress of these events divide people rather than unite them around a common cause. As we work through the days of challenge together we are hopeful that we will take the time to call a friend and make certain your neighbors are safe. The YMCA is and has been focused on building strong communities. I am convinced that together we will continue this important work as the current times of challenge are resolved.



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