

Dear Y Community,

First, I'd like to thank you for your membership to the YMCA and for your support of our mission to ensure family wellness. To say that these times are unprecedented and confusing is an understatement. We understand that the closure of our facilities might have felt abrupt and unexpected. We know it is the right decision under these extraordinary circumstances because the health and well-being of you, our members, and our valued staff comes first, always.

It is our social responsibility to do our part to contain the virus for the safety of the community-at-large. As of now, we have a tentative reopen dates of Monday, March 30 for the Arcadia and Westerly-Pawcatuck branches, and Thursday, April 30 for the Naik Family Branch. We will continue to monitor guidance from federal, state, and local health authorities during this evolving national emergency to make sure that this plan is in the best interests of the health and safety of our members and staff.

It's more important than ever to live our YMCA mission of serving and strengthening our communities. And while we can't serve you in person, you can become part of **Y360**, a new virtual initiative led by Ys across the country. It's your favorite classes, our top instructors, and the Y community now available at home. Learn more [here](#). Start [taking classes](#) now.

We know you still have a lot of questions. We do, too. All of us at the Y are grateful for the outpouring of support many of you have expressed. **We are committed to doing everything possible to secure the future of the YMCA, and all its services, as these uncertain times continue.** Closure for any length of time represents a significant threat to our non-profit organization. We cannot express the potentially devastating impact extensive cancellations could have. We know the Y is an extension of your family and we remain honored and committed to serving you. And when we emerge from this challenging moment, we look forward to welcoming you and your families back through our doors.

Right now, we're asking you to stick with us if you can. With our branch operations temporarily suspended, we're shifting our work to address critical needs:

- Continuing to compensate and support our employees, who are your neighbors, friends, and colleagues.
- Maintaining our facilities, including completing large projects now to avoid future closures.

- Identifying the areas of greatest need for families.

Your support now also ensures that the Y will be here after this situation has subsided.

All members also have a choice. You can consider this month's membership dues a donation to the Y. If this is your choice - thank you. No actions are necessary. If you would like to do something different, we are able to assist you. Please click on your branch ([Arcadia, Naik Family Branch, Westerly-Pawcatuck](#)) to request a membership hold or cancellation. Whatever you choose, we thank you for your support and understanding.

Those currently enrolled in programs have two choices: you can consider your program fees a donation to the Y's ongoing mission to serve community, or take a credit toward future programming in the 2020 calendar year.

Please take care of yourself and one another. Our community is strong, and together, we will get through this.



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