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March 15, 2020

Dear YMCA Members,

At the Y, the health and safety of all who walk through our doors has always been our top priority. In consideration of the Governor of Massachusetts declaration regarding the COVID-19 virus, the Clark YMCA facilities (*-with the exception of our Before & After-School Childcare program-*) will be closed until further notice effective immediately, and all programming and events temporarily suspended. We are exploring alternative ways to meet community needs during this time, in partnership with health officials and other community leaders.

Our Before & After-School Childcare program will be open on **Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>** and we are working with the Department of Early Education and Care regarding the continued operation of childcare services for working families. We will make any necessary updates to the operation of the childcare program as they become available.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank our members for their patience and understanding. We believe this is the socially responsible things to do and we do not take this measure lightly.

Our Y leadership team remains in constant contact with state and local agencies and we will continue to communicate with members in a timely and transparent manner. The Y will reassess the situation in two weeks and, in conjunction with prevailing recommendations from federal and local officials, we will update our members via our website regarding the status of our facilities and programming moving forward.

Remember, the CDC recommends everyday preventative actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID- 19 and the flu, including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available

Please continue to check with the [Department of Public Health](#) and the national [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) for the most up to date information regarding COVID-19.

Thank you for working with us to ensure our community remains safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Michael Quinn  
Executive Director  
Wendell P. Clark Memorial YMCA