Dear Y Community,

At the Y, we believe the desire to help others is human nature, and everyone has something of value to contribute to the greater good. We serve as a catalyst for positive change in communities, bringing people together and providing opportunities to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others and their own lives.

I would like to clarify where we are as an organization as we all battle the impact of the coronavirus. On Sunday, March 15, 2020, we suspended all our operations at the request of Kevin Washington, Y-USA President, as well as Governor Raimondo, and the Department of Health’s recommendation in an effort to ensure the safety of our members and staff. We have made an investment in our talented team by continuing to pay them for as long as we are able during this global crisis. Our current intention is to re-open the Newport County YMCA on Monday, April 6, 2020.*

As a charitable non-profit, our members and donors are the lifeblood of our organization. We count on your membership along with our generous partners to help us continue our vital work of serving our community. If you’re in a position to continue your membership with the Y (which includes access to an array of virtual programming highlighted below) while we weather this storm, then no action is needed on your part.

While operations are temporarily on hold, we are working diligently on short, medium, and long-term plans for the health and sustainability of our future. We are utilizing this time to conduct thorough cleanings and upgrades to our facilities, as well as, developing a variety of innovative virtual health and wellness experiences. Many members have reached out to ask, “What can I do?” It’s very humbling in a time of crisis that our community is looking beyond their personal needs to help others. This is what makes the Y Community a unique collaboration of social responsibility.

MEMBERSHIP

OPTION 1: CONTINUE YOUR MEMBERSHIP {Most Popular}

Our members are the heart of our organization. While our facilities may be temporarily closed, we’re committed to offering FREE virtual programming to help keep us all healthy and moving!

- Visit us on Facebook: Newport County YMCA for a library of digital programming from bootcamp to yoga
- For our Les Mills fans, a sampling of classes you can jump into from home can be accessed here
- Our Virtual YMCA 360 classes can be accessed here
- Check out virtual CFP Zumba classes here
- For additional virtual programs plus health & wellness tips, check your email for the Y’s weekly virtual newsletter, Tuesday Tips!

We are grateful to have you #StayWithUs and continue your membership. No action is needed on your part, other than to keep enjoying your favorite Y activities virtually! Your monthly draft will continue. This is very much appreciated!

As we continue to serve the needs of our Community in other areas, please consider becoming a Cause-Driven Member by donating to our Community Support Campaign at www.newportymca.org/giving Contact our Development Director at susanp@newportymca.org for more ways you can help.
OPTION 2: PUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP ON HOLD  (Action needed by March 27, 2020.)
This option is if you are not in a position to pay monthly dues or donate at this time. You can put your membership on hold through April 30, 2020 and pay no joiner fee when the Y re-opens. No membership fees will be deducted from your account through April 30, 2020, but it’s important that you contact our Membership Director at lindsays@newportymca.org by March 27.

OPTION 3: CANCEL YOUR MEMBERSHIP
We really hope you choose to #StayWithUs, but should you choose to terminate your relationship with the Y, please contact our Membership Director at lindsays@newportymca.org. A joiner’s fee may apply upon reactivating your account.

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE and LIFE SKILLS
Families currently enrolled in our Out of School Time and/or Life Skills Programs will have a credit applied to their Newport County YMCA account for fees that were drafted during the week of March 12, 2020. This credit may be used for future NCYMCA OST and Life Skills Programs during the first weeks when we re-open. Moving forward all drafts are suspended until school resumes. No action is needed on your part.

PRESCHOOL/CHILDCARE
Families enrolled in our Twice As Nice Childcare Program will not be charged the regular weekly rate for as long as the Newport County YMCA is closed. Payments that were already drafted on March 16, 2020 have been applied as a full credit to your individual account. No action is needed on your part.

PROGRAMS
If you’re currently enrolled in one of our Early Spring session-based programs (such as swimming, youth sports, gymnastics, or other seasonal programming) your session will resume where it left off whenever the Y re-opens. We would be resuming in Week #3. No action is needed on your part.

#STAYWITHUS
While life has certainly changed over the past week, one thing remains constant, we are all united by a deep commitment to strengthen our communities. We appreciate all the positive feedback and guidance we have received in the past several weeks. When you stay with the Y, you’re helping everyone move forward. Together, we will come out of this stronger than ever. Please be safe.

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#StayWithUs

*Please know that due to the uncertain nature of this global crisis, all dates and policies are based on RI State mandates*