Newport County YMCA members,

The Newport County YMCA along with the other YMCA’s in RI will be temporarily closed until Sunday, March 29, 2020.

To support our community, our Y leadership along with a recommendation for our national office, have come together to make the difficult decision to close our facility. We will assess the situation and give an update on the closure on Thursday 3/19 at 12pm. Based on the information we have; we feel it is in the best interest of our community to do so. There are no reported cases of infection or exposure at the Y currently, but we are responding with an abundance of caution for the wellbeing of our community. While the Y will remain closed to the public, essential staff will continue to work both on and off site, maintaining recommended public health measures, including thorough handwashing and use of hand sanitizers, and, most importantly, practicing social distancing. While our facilities are closed, cleaning crews will continue to disinfect and sanitize all areas more efficiently and effectively than ever before so that you can come back and exercise with confidence.

We ask that you continue to support our YMCA and other non-profit organizations in need during this time. Collectively, we provide services and employment to many local individuals. Here alone, at our own YMCA, we serve almost 250 staff and 7000 members. We recognize this is a unique time and will make every effort to provide services to those in need, which also include our staff. We cannot do this without your financial and emotional support. Please be patient as we determine next steps for our YMCA. Please work together with our Y and community, so we may continue to serve you now and in the future.

Our Leadership team will be meeting tomorrow to discuss how we can continue to have an impact in our community during this time. The Y is not just a building, it is a commitment to Newport County to strengthen the foundation of our community and to always meet the needs that we have in Newport County. That is why on Tuesday we will launch “Virtual Y”. Virtual Y will be a facebook live platform along with links that will bring the Y’s services into your home to stay connected and offer you support that you may need during this time. We are working of developing the following:

- Group X classes that you can access online at no fee
- Facebook live classes to help with both our physical and mental health
- Facebook live readings from your favorite Preschool teachers and Y staff each day to help entertain your children while they are home
- Facebook live other programs to keep your kids moving

The Y will have a schedule out with more information by Tuesday/Wednesday of this week.

Please like our FB or go to www.newportymca.org for up to date information. A new update link will go live tomorrow on our webpage. Thank you again for being part of the Y. We will continue to communicate as the situation evolves.

Mike Miller
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