Dear Valued Y Members,

Our Newport County YMCA leadership team remains in constant contact with state and local agencies, and we will continue to communicate with our Y Members in a timely and transparent manner. The Y continues to re-assess the situation in conjunction with prevailing recommendations from federal and local officials. Unfortunately, we must remain closed until 4/13, and that date will mostly likely will be extended. We will update our members via our Y website, social media accounts, and e-blast regarding the status of our facilities and future programming as soon as we have new information from the Governor.

What We’re Doing Right Now

• We’re still here for you! We’re staying connected through wellness check phone calls with members who need it most to provide them with the necessary resources in our community so that they will be alright during these challenging times.
• We’re connecting with our members through our new VIRTUAL Y, complete with free, virtual group exercise classes and educational programming. Plus, every Tuesday we send out our new “Tuesday Tips” newsletter to nearly 3000 households with new resources for the whole family.
• We’re reaching out to our Adapted Physical Activities Participants, offering assistance where needed, connecting with them through Facebook Live classes and Zoom video calls to help them remain active, as well as spending time talking with them via personal phone calls. Next week we will launch our “Y Rides” program. Cori our Adapted Director along with other staff will ride their bikes to some of our APA Participants’ homes and have a one-on-one workout session with them from the social distancing safety of the sidewalk to their front yard or porch.
• Our Childcare Participants receive daily lesson plans from our Y Team to help continue their at-home education with age-appropriate activities.
• Our Facilities Team is taking full advantage of a completely empty building to make aesthetic improvements so that you have a wonderful Y to come back to!
• We have a number of volunteers that will offer support if needed to our RhodySquash participants as they continue their remote education.
• Ocean Pointe Community Church will conduct Easter Services from our Y Parking Lot! This will be a drive-in style event that is approved by the State of RI. Stay tuned to our Y website and social media channels for more information.

As I’m sure you realize, all our efforts come at a cost. We are continuing to explore ways to ensure that we can take care of our own Y staff, so that they, in turn, can take care of their family and loved ones.

You can join us in our efforts to strengthen our community by continuing to keep your membership active during this unprecedented time. Your support will enable us to focus fully on supporting our community in staying active and healthy. We hope you’ll #StayWithUs! Please know how grateful we are for your generous support. The NCYMCA is a tight-knit community, and this global crisis has only proven once again that our Community is not defined by a physical building. Our Y Community is defined by the many caring and generous people who make it up. YOU are one of those people.

If requested, members may place their membership on hold by emailing
welcomecenter@newportymca.org. While we do encourage you to #StayWithUS in our service to others, we do recognize these difficult circumstances and will work with you to keep your membership on hold while we get through this pandemic together.

The NCYMCA continues to work closely with our various community partners. We will continue to communicate with you about the status of our operations. In the meantime, we hope that you will join us in our efforts to keep serving those in our Community. Thank you for your continued support.

Please know that you are in our hearts and minds. We look forward to connecting with you virtually in the immediate and in-person in the, hopefully not too distant, future. We can’t wait to see you back at the Y!

Stay safe and healthy,
Mike Miller, CEO

We are here for you and want to hear from you. You can message us on our Facebook page (Newport County YMCA) or by email (welcomecenter@newportymca.org).

Visit our website (www.newportymca.org) or Facebook page for our weekly updates as they are subject to change based on unexpected needs within the community.

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Visit our website https://newportymca.org/coronavirus/ for information and resources regarding our COVID-19 response. Please consider donating to our Community Support Campaign at www.newportymca.org/giving