



March 13, 2020

Dear Members,

We wrote on Wednesday to share that we are closely following the evolution of Coronavirus (COVID-19). We want to assure you that the Y is committed to the strongest health, safety and protection procedures to ensure our members, staff and community are safe.

We continue to monitor information from public health officials and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Here are the proactive measures we're taking at the Y to limit exposure and create a safe environment:

- **While surfaces like tables, faucets, lockers, and door handles are regularly disinfected, we are increasing the cleaning frequency for these areas.**
- **We're working closely with our janitorial vendors to engage crisis protocols and increase frequency of cleanings in compliance with guidance from government agencies. Deep cleanings occur every evening, including locker rooms, child watch and areas most frequented by members.**
- **Hand Sanitation Stations are available in multiple areas of our facility.**
- **Most importantly, we're asking staff and members to care for themselves and the community by staying home if they are feeling even the slightest bit unwell.**

The Clarke County School District has closed March 16th-March 20th and all additional schools in our service area have closed from March 16th – March 30th. While we plan to remain open during this time, we will modify our membership and program offerings. **These modifications apply to the timeframe of March 16th-March 30th.**

- Fitness classes will resume as normal. All classes that have over 15 participants will be moved to the New Gym or Youth Room. Classes that are scheduled for the Youth Room will remain the same. *Please note: This may require members to move equipment from the downstairs aerobic studio.*
- Fitness classes will be offered on our Vimeo account. Several videos will be posted before Sunday, March 15th and we hope for additional videos to be posted next week. Please find our account at <https://athensymca.org/online-workouts>. Please call for the password.

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- Fitness centers will remain open. Please wipe equipment with gym wipes before and after your workout.
- The pool will operate as normal. This includes aquatic wellness classes and swim lessons.
- We will limit our child watch attendance time to **1.5 hours for all ages**. The center will be open Monday-Friday 9am-12:15pm and 3pm-7pm, and Saturday 9am-12:15pm. All children 5 years of age and older will check-in for child watch in the small gym. Staff members will not assist with snacks or feeding during this time.
- All after school programs will be offered. Participants can be dropped off at 3pm Monday-Friday for programs that they are currently registered for. All programs will be operated in open spaces, with the majority operating outside. *Please note: Programs will be canceled on any day that it rains. This will be monitored on a daily basis. We will post notices on our website and social media pages. We do not plan to offer programs with large numbers of children in enclosed and confined spaces.*
- No Dynamic Days / Holiday Camps will be offered during this time.
- We will not sell guest passes during this time.
- We encourage all YMCA members to use their home YMCA.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during this time. The safety and well-being of our members, program participants and staff remains our top priority. We will continue to take whatever steps necessary to ensure we are doing what is best to keep our community healthy. Please check our social media pages and website for updates.

Thank you for being a loyal Athens YMCA member.

Best,

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