

#StayWithUs

April 20, 2020

Dear Y Member;

Thank you for the trust you are putting in the Y. When we entered this pandemic shut down period, we put all membership dues payments on hold. We're keeping membership payments on hold as long as we're closed. Thank you for maintaining your membership (remember, we're not collecting dues). And, a **double thank you** to those who chose to continue paying your membership dues or made an equivalent donation even though you don't have access to our facility. We appreciate your understanding that our work continues and the need for the Y will be greater as we work together to find a new normal.

Despite the mandatory closure, our facility isn't empty. Each weekday there is laughter from the children in our pandemic child care center. We're providing a safe & nurturing care environment for children of Marion's healthcare professionals, healthcare support staff and safety personnel.

During this shut down, we're performing some facility improvement work. However, we are taking this stay at home period seriously and have minimal staff in the building. We have completed high dusting of the gym & lobby, new flooring in AS2, dusting of light fixtures & ceiling vents, replacing lights, repaired a boiler, some drywall & painting, and regularly scheduled preventative maintenance. We have an upgrade to our elevator ordered and hope this will be finished before we reopen. We also have parking lot repairs ordered, but that work is dependent on asphalt availability. And, of course we're cleaning the entire facility.

We're also making plans for reopening and developing health protocols to have in place. Our top priority in our reopening decisions is the health of our staff, members, and community at large. We're going to err on the side of caution and will likely reopen in phases. We're going to ask for your patience and understanding if your favorite part of the Y isn't the first to open, if the Group Exercise class you love isn't available, if we're open but without showering facilities, or if we have to limit the number of people in a given space. As we know more, we'll keep you informed.

Part of our reopening plans include changes to the physical environment for social distancing. We're also developing new cleaning protocols for staff for cleaning throughout the day. We're ordering cleaning, sanitizing and disinfecting supplies so that we have the quantity needed on hand. We will make sure our members have ample access to equipment cleaning disposable wipes, hand washing and hand sanitizing throughout the building.

All of our members will have a large role and responsibility in these health protocols. As examples: we're going to ask you to clean equipment before & after each use, to space yourself away from others, to abide by policies we have in place to limit people in classes or in specific spaces. You may be required to wear a mask when in the facility. Again, we're still working through all of these changes, and will keep you informed both

of what our staff will be doing and what we will ask you to do.

Even after we reopen, we plan on continuing our virtual presence. If you enjoy our online fitness content, please continue to visit our website marionymca.org, [Facebook at Marion Family YMCA](#), [Instagram @marionohioy](#), or [Twitter @ymca_marion](#). You can also subscribe to [our Youtube Channel](#).

As we head into May if we don't have a firm date for reopening, we're not going to draft or otherwise charge membership dues. You will still be a member, but with no fees. We also plan on giving you credit for the days we were closed in March. That will reduce your first draft. If you'd like to support our work by paying May membership dues, please let us know. Just email mharris@marionfamilyymca.org, complete [this quick form](#) or call 740-725-9622 and let us know you're Staying with Us with your membership dues.

Thank you for being a member of the Marion Family YMCA. I hope you and your family are healthy and well.

Sincerely,

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