



**BE HEALTHY.
BE SAFE.
WE ARE ALWAYS
HERE FOR YOU.**

November 20, 2020

Dear Y Member,

COVID19 is in our community. Marion is experiencing a high incident of "community spread". I heard from Marion Public Health today that the spread isn't traced back to specific events. It's everywhere.

We all want to see our children in school and support our Marion businesses. We want to see our community open and people able to engage in their normal activities. For this to happen, we have to work together. We all need to:

- Wear a mask in public;
- Avoid large gatherings (10 or more people) even if it's family;
- Stay home if you don't feel well;
- Cooperate with Marion Public Health if you're asked to isolate or quarantine.

At the Y, we're continuing with all of our established health protocols. Currently, we're still allowing members to remove your mask while actively exercising **and** six feet from others in the Wellness Center, Family Wellness Center, track and in most Group Exercise classes. Remember, you must put your mask back on in between exercises and when moving from one space to another in the building. Please be aware that we may change this policy and require masks at all times, including when exercising.

We understand that visiting the Y and exercising is important to people's well-being. However, we're concerned of the high level of community spread. Although we're not aware of any spread at the Y to date, we know it's possible and probably likely to happen. Therefore, we're canceling all exercise classes that take place in the pool. These classes serve mainly older adults and for most people it's difficult to wear a mask in the pool or while changing clothes. Therefore, we're taking a hiatus from water-based classes at least through December 5. At that time, we'll reassess.

When you visit the Y, we're requiring you to:

- Perform our building entry self-screening including staying away if you've been exposed to someone with COVID19, if you feel ill, if you have temperature or other symptoms, or if you've traveled in the last 14 days to a state on the Travel Advisory list.

- Use hand sanitizer upon entry.
- Wear your mask unless actively exercising (see above).
- Wear your mask over your mouth and nose.
- Stay 6 feet or more from others.
- Sanitize your equipment before & after you use it.

Pools Update:

Thank you to all of our swimmers with your patience on our pools. I know it was a rough and disappointing week. My apologies that we were closed for water clarity issues early in the week. That shouldn't happen.

We continue to have several lifeguards unavailable due to quarantine and illness, but we were able to reopen our pools for member activities starting tomorrow, November 21. We have a schedule through November 28 and will have the next week's schedule out before Thanksgiving.

If you lap swim or use the Small Pool for independent adult exercise, please check the new schedule.

- [8 Lane Pool Schedule](#)
- [Small Pool Schedule](#)

You can find the pool schedules here and make your reservation [through GroupExPro](#) or by calling the Y at 740-725-9622.

The health and safety of our members, our staff and our entire community continues to be our top priority. Each protocol we have in place is designed to reduce your risk of exposure to COVID19. While we can never eliminate the risk, we can work to reduce it. You're part of this work. Thank you for taking personal responsibility to keep yourself and others healthy each time you visit the Y.

Stay safe and stay healthy,

Theresa Lubke
Executive Director

Read the updated [Code of Conduct and Promise to Members here](#).

Read our FAQs [Member Frequently Asked Questions Marion Family YMCA](#)

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