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Happy Thanksgiving!

This past July, I celebrated my 12th anniversary with the Marion Family YMCA and as a member of the Marion community. In those 12 years, I've seen the love and passion people have for Marion. I see it in our leaders and community members who are sharing the message that we're in this together and together we can reverse the trend of advancing COVID-19.

[Thank you to OhioHealth and Marion Public Health for this community video message.](#)

At the Y, we've responded to this call to action with a stricter mask policy. We now **require masks at all times in the facility including when exercising**. The only exceptions are while in a pool and when a member is in their designated spot during a Group Exercise class.

This is in addition to continuing to ask members to stay home when not feeling well (follow our [building entry requirements](#)), social distance, and wash hands.

We all need to do our part. Marion County has had 687 new cases of COVID-19 in just the past two weeks. Equated to a population of 100,000 this is 1,055.41. These active cases are impacting our friends and neighbors. Each active case likely involves others who need to quarantine. And at it's worst, the impact means a loss of life in someone's family. Let's work together to stop this wrong-way trend.

COVID-19 at the Y

Within the Y, we're not immune to the impact of COVID-19. Most of our staff members work at the Y part time. They are also students, employees elsewhere and of course are members of the community. As the virus spreads through Marion, we're seeing a greater impact in our staff and in our ability to keep all areas of our operation open.

We currently have two staff members out with COVID-19 and a handful of others in quarantine. We have strict health protocols for coming and returning to work; and a strict exposure response plan. If we know that a staff member (or member) was in the facility when potentially contagious with COVID-19, we do internal contact tracing to notify anyone who had contact (15 minutes or more within 6 feet) with the individual. We've also notified those who didn't meet that definition of contact, but may have had more limited interactions with the individual. We do an additional disinfecting of the area of the facility in which the person spent time. We notify Marion Public Health and follow all other established protocols.

THE POOLS

Unfortunately, in recent days our pool schedules have been impacted by lifeguards due to COVID-19 and in quarantine. In addition, we had pool clarity and mechanical issues first with the 8 Lane Pool and now with the Small Pool. We should have had better management of the water clarity and pool mechanical systems. My sincere apology that we haven't done our best with this recently. We're making changes so that this won't happen again.

Due to limited availability of lifeguards, we're making pool schedules week by week. Please see [here for the 8 Lane Pool Schedule Nov. 29-December 5](#) and [here for the Small Pool Schedule](#). Reservation times are up to date and ready in [GroupExPro](#).

You may also notice ongoing heating & cooling system work in the 8 Lane Pool. Thanks to a partial grant from YMCA of the USA, we're replacing the HVAC and dehumidification systems in this pool. The construction process has been slow with parts on back order. Today we learned that a major component was sent from the manufacturer at the wrong length. This is slowing the project down. You'll notice a work in process for the next several weeks. During this work, we continue to run the old HVAC system with outside air still circulating at normal levels.

Thank you to B&B Mechanical for working around our swimmers, working at night and working on weekends!

Thank you for being a member of the Marion Family YMCA. As a member, you are part of an organization strengthening our community. May you enjoy this Thanksgiving and holiday season.

Theresa Lubke
Executive Director

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