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## YMCA of Metropolitan Chattanooga A Message to Staff

To: All YMCA Staff  
From: Janet Dunn, President & CEO, YMCA of Metropolitan Chattanooga  
Date: March 13, 2020  
Subject: **YMCA PROGRAMS UPDATE REGARDING COVID-19**

YMCA Staff,

As you know, information and the evolution of the increase of cases of COVID-19 in the U.S. changes daily. This week, Hamilton County Schools announced they will close until March 30 in response to COVID-19 concerns. With that, we have been closely monitoring how the spread of cases in other cities has affected other YMCA associations and what measures they are taking in response. To that end, **we feel it the right decision for our community, members and staff to pause the following programs for 2 weeks beginning Saturday, March 14 through March 30.**

- All Group Exercise Programming
- Small Group Personal Training Classes
- Healthy Living Programs (including Pedaling for Parkinson's, Rock Steady, Nutrition Classes, LIVESTRONG at the Y)
- All Youth Sports programming
- Child Watch
- Parents Night Out
- Model UN
- Spring Miracle League Season
- Afterschool Programs (to date, effective for Hamilton County and North Georgia)

Our plan is to resume these programs on Monday, March 30. In the meantime, **our branches will remain open.**

As mentioned in my letter earlier this week, health officials continue to advise us to focus on the importance of being vigilant in our efforts to prevent the spread of illness. We will continue our increased cleaning efforts, monitor updates from the CDC, and be in regular communication with the Hamilton County Health Department.

Should this issue escalate across the communities we serve, our Y will take the necessary precautions to ensure that you, along with our members and participants, are safe.

If you have additional questions or personal considerations regarding COVID-19 and the health of our workplace, please contact Telky Murphy, Chief Human Resources Officer at 423.265.8834.

Your health and well-being, and that of our members and participants, remains a top priority of our Y.

Thank you for working with us to ensure the health of our colleagues, YMCA and community.

Janet Dunn  
President & CEO, YMCA of Metropolitan Chattanooga