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COVID-19 UPDATES

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Important Update

Dear YMCA Community,

At the MetroWest YMCA we continue to work meet the needs of our staff, members, and many community partners, while we work collaboratively with the city of Framingham and towns we serve to help combat the threat of COVID-19.

The local Boards of Health remain the primary point of contact for us. The Health Departments in each of the communities we serve are working diligently with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) and local representatives from the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Based on their guidance and information we are receiving, **we have decided upon the following:**

From March 16th through March 22nd all MetroWest YMCA facilities will be closed. This includes:

- Our Framingham Branch facility and our Hopkinton Family Outdoor Center.
- The Early Learning Center at our Framingham Branch.
- All off site School's Out programs.
- All off site meetings and programs.

We will take a week by week approach regarding these decisions and reassess the situation daily. We will of course work to communicate with you all on a regular basis.

During this time we will work closely with community leaders offering our facilities as resources for the city and towns we serve. That could mean providing meals, offering needed space, etc. and we will be monitoring the situation to determine the best course of action going forward.

COVID-19 has created enormous uncertainty; however, how we manage it is in our control. [I encourage you to take the time to read this article, Why? Because THIS IS NOT A SNOW DAY! and the article explains the importance of Social Distancing.](#) What we're doing is committing to stay home in an effort not to spread the COVID-19 virus.

Join us in creating a history that demonstrates how we came together and served those who needed us the most. Let us tell the story of the "meaningful" ways in which we responded. Let that be the story that is told.

By following the latest trusted science and leading with our hearts, we will get through this together.

Take good care,

Rick MacPherson

