

YMCA of Steuben County Temporarily Closing

Dear Valued Member,

This is a message I hoped we never would have to send.

Due to the ongoing public health emergency presented by the COVID-19 virus outbreak, we will be temporarily closing the YMCA of Steuben County effective 5 p.m. tonight (March 18). We anticipate this closure will last at least until April 3rd, but will adapt our plans based on the best and latest guidance from the CDC and local public health officials.

We arrived at this difficult decision based on the latest CDC guidance and in consultation with local public health officials. As a nonprofit community service organization, the Y's top priority will always be your health, and the health of our community. Our goal with this temporary closure is to do our part in trying to limit the spread of COVID-19 in our community before it threatens to overwhelm our public health system.

Even individuals who experience no or mild symptoms after contracting COVID-19 can act as carriers to exponentially spread the virus throughout our community, including to the elderly and others most vulnerable to the disease. Every small step we take now to reduce spread can have a dramatic positive impact on our community's health in the days and weeks to come.

Digital wellness options available

I want you to know how much we at the Y regret the inconvenience this temporary closure may cause you. Even while our doors are closed, please know the Y wants to continue to be a resource for you as you seek to maintain your health and well-being during this challenging time. Toward that end, I would encourage you to [visit our web site](#) and Facebook, where you will find free wellness resources including online group fitness classes from YMCA 360, workout routines and much more.

More than ever, your membership means more

As we work to continue to serve you, I have an urgent request of you: **Please stay with us during this difficult time and keep your membership active.**

By continuing to pay your membership fee, you will allow us to maintain the financial resources needed to focus our time, people and energies to where our community needs it most. These include but are not limited to finding a way to support organizations providing desperately needed food and medical services to children who are out of school and our community as a whole.

We know many of you may be experiencing significant hardship during this crisis, and want you to know we will continue to offer financial assistance through our charitable Scholarship Program. We of course can also place a temporary hold on your membership if there is no other option. But it is our hope and my personal request that you stick with us in service of the greater good we can do together for our community. If you have any membership questions, please contact our member service team, by email at info@ymcasteuben.org.

We're better together Since its founding 20 years ago, the YMCA of Steuben County has been ready to step in when our community needs us. In every case, the Y has been there for the community. And with your continued support, we will again.

Thank you again for being a part of the Y, and we will be sure to provide further updates as new information, including a potential reopening date, becomes available.

With Gratitude,

Sarah Funkhouser, CEO
YMCA of Steuben County