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Dubuque Community YMCA/YWCA

March 17, 2020

Dear Y Members,

The safety and well-being of our members, staff, volunteers and the broader Dubuque community is our priority, now more than ever. Thank you for being part of the Y and for all you are doing to support the greater good, as we all face this unprecedented health challenge.

While there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 at any Y facility or within our county, we need to be part of the nationwide effort to slow the spread of the virus. **Therefore, per the Governor, we will be closing our facility for 15 days beginning Tuesday, March 17 at Noon through Tuesday, March 31.**

In the midst of this trying time, we must ensure that health care workers, first responders, and essential service providers have the child care needed to do their duties and keep us safe. The Governor and DHS has given us direction and assistance with **KEEPING OUR TWO CHILD CARE CENTERS AND SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE WILL REMAIN OPEN**. These facilities will continue to operate as normal until further notice so we are able to continue providing high quality care to the children of our community.

Historically, the Dubuque Y has been a catalyst to distill and put into action the truly incredible Human Spirit. Together, we have activated the capabilities we possess when we join together in our collective efforts to achieve common goals. This is no different.

In the short term, we are committed shifting our focus and aligning with our community partners, schools, agencies, and businesses to find ways we could serve the Dubuque community and further our mission. We continue to closely monitor this situation and will take advantage of **our website, social media channels**, and other platforms to keep you updated and engage the community in new ways that will support you in creating a healthy spirit, mind and body. If you have any questions or need additional information, please email reply@dubuquey.org and we will respond as soon as possible.

We ask that you join us in this effort. We ask that you continue to invest in your membership so that we can maintain crucial life-changing, and lifesaving programs at the Y. We will rely heavily on the continued support of members, program participants and donors. If necessary, we will certainly put your membership on hold and will have this capability online as soon as possible. We will also maintain staff at our Welcome Center who can assist membership questions over the phone.

Join Us Online

To help you stay healthy in spirit, mind and body during this time, we are offering an on-demand healthy living network called YMCA 360 and live workouts through Les Mills at no charge to all Y members. Content is accessible on the YMCA 360 YouTube Channel at **YMCA360.org** and **Les Mills website**. Content will be refreshed frequently and includes programs for kids and families.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and thank our members for their patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

Tony Calabrese
President and CEO
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