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Friday, March 13, 2020

Fellow YMCA community members,

In an effort to be as responsible as possible regarding COVID-19, we will be implementing a few extra layers to assist with prevention.

- You will be asked to sanitize your hands when you enter the building, as well as, when you exit.
- All program and group exercise participants will also be asked to sanitize your hands at the start of your program and before you leave.
- Please wipe down any and all equipment **before** and **after** use.
- If you are sick or think you are getting sick, we ask that you please stay home.
- We will encourage the elbow bump greeting instead of a handshake.
- Staff will scan children entering programs that are in a confined space using a temporal thermometer or similar device. Any child with a temperature of 100 degrees or higher will be sent home immediately and not allowed to return without a doctor's note.
- Front desk can scan adults for temperatures upon request.
- We have implemented more frequent cleaning schedules for high touch areas.

Please remember, according to the CDC, those who are at a higher risk for getting very sick from this illness are older adults, people who have chronic medical conditions, such as heart disease, lung disease or diabetes, or those who are immunocompromised. If you are in this category, we are encouraging you to stay home as much as possible.

The Portage YMCA and all of the programs will continue to operate as usual, but we will continually monitor the spread of the virus and make adjustments as needed. We have developed an emergency response plan which will be implemented in phases depending on different variables.

Those variables could cause a scale back in operations. Phase One includes postponing non-essential programs. Phase Two includes the building opening to only 24-Hour Access members with limited staff during regular staffed hours. During either of these phases, we will do everything in our power to continue feeding the children in our community who rely on the Y for their meals. Phase Three includes a complete closure, which would come as a recommendation from our local, state, and federal Department of Health offices.

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