



March 13, 2020

To our Child Care families,

Our number one priority is the safety and health of our children, staff and families. We have some updates for you regarding our programming in light of recent developments with the coronavirus.

### **SCHOOL AGE BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE**

As we are sure you have heard, public schools in all of the districts that we serve announced two-week (or longer) closures beginning on Monday, March 16. The YMCA therefore must cancel all before and after school programs that run at public schools for the duration of the school closures. YMCA before and after school programming will reopen when each school reopens.

We will not be holding vacation clubs or no-school-day programs during this time.

We are currently working to determine our policy regarding payments and refunds, which will be based on when schools reopen, how late into June schools stay open, and if child care needs to extend beyond the initially expected last day of school. We will continue to update you as information becomes available.

### **PRESCHOOL & INFANT-TODDLER CARE**

The YMCA will continue to operate early childhood care programs, including infant care, toddler care, and preschool and nursery school. But we need your help. In order to be able to serve our community and working families during this difficult time, we need to ensure that sick children do not come to programs. Parents and guardians: please keep your children at home if they are exhibiting any signs or symptoms of illness. This will help us keep our sites open and serve everyone in our communities.

Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for being part of our Y family.

Sincerely,

**Harold Sparrow**

President & CEO

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