



An update on YMCA Early Childhood Care

To our YMCA child care families,

Thank you for being a part of our Y community. The YMCA of Greater Hartford staff and volunteers are thinking of you as you care for your family.

With the crisis continuing to unfold, we wanted to update you on what the YMCA is doing for our children, families and community.

CHILD CARE DUES & DRAFTS

As a follow-up to the letter recently sent about the closure of our childcare sites, we want to assure you that all scheduled payments for any childcare will be stopped as of April 1, 2020.

If you paid in advance for the month of March, you can request a refund for last week of March by contacting your branch by phone or by emailing friends@ghymca.org. If you do not want to receive a refund, please know that those fees will be considered a charitable contribution, and we can provide documentation for tax purposes.

CONTINUING NEEDED CHILD CARE

One of the YMCA's core principals is social responsibility. Each day, you entrust your children into our care to protect them, teach them, and help them grow as they prepare for kindergarten and beyond. But we know that the need for child care has only increased with the current situation, especially for certain populations.

That is why we will be re-opening 3 Preschools on Wednesday, March 25. The sites are:

- **Vernon Center**: 375 Hartford Turnpike, Vernon, Connecticut; 860-335-2159
- **YCC**: 70A Canterbury Street, East Hartford, Connecticut; 860-568-1437
- **Wheeler Toddler/Preschool**: 123 and 149 Farmington Avenue, Plainville, Connecticut; 860-793-0576

These are unprecedented times, but our Y team is shifting our work to support you and the critical needs in the community in the following ways:

- We will provide child care to support to any current YMCA child care families beginning March 25, 2020
- We will also expand access to our child care sites to health care workers, first responders and other essential workers beginning March 25, 2020
- In addition, our branch staff is developing and delivering online resources for our Greater Hartford YMCA community, including health and wellness opportunities and activities for you and your family to do together

If you are interested in Preschool care at this time, please contact those sites.

STAYING CONNECTED



We are grateful for the outpouring of support we've received from our members, volunteers and staff and we are thankful that you are a member of our Y community. It is because of you that we have been able to serve the Greater Hartford area for more than 150 years and will continue to do so for generations to come. Stay safe and healthy, and always feel free to reach out with questions or concerns.

During our closure, you can always find the most current information about the Y at www.ghymca.org and stay connected on social media. We look forward to bringing our full community back together again very soon.

In gratitude,

Harold Sparrow
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YMCA of Greater Hartford