



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT\*  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
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# KEEPING YOU INFORMED



## COVID-19 Closure

Dear Valued Y Members and Families,

Thank you for being a Y member and for your support of our community. We care about you and want to support you and your family during this public health crisis. To say that these times are unprecedented and confusing is an understatement. We, at the Y, will do whatever we can to lessen the burden for you, your loved ones and our community as a whole.

Over the past 24 hours, the State of California and the County of Santa Clara have taken significant steps to keep the public safe as the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) begins to spread. There is now a six-county "Shelter in Place" order for our areas, stating that as of 12:01am March 17, all non-essential services in our community must cease, at least until April 7.

As a result of these new developments, and to keep our members, employees and community safe, we will be ceasing operations and closing our nine YMCA health and wellness centers for all healthy lifestyle activities, effective March 17, 2020. We have also paused youth programming and after school care. We will work with local authorities to re-open our YMCAs as soon as possible once the restriction is lifted. We will also be conducting a deep cleaning and disinfecting of all of our Ys prior to reopening.

For over 150 years, our Y has responded to the challenges of our community, and we are doing so in the current situation as well. We are consulting with hospitals, medical providers and municipalities to partner with them to pivot our facilities into Emergency Response Centers. We are working to provide child care for the families of medical personnel and first responders, so that they can continue their focus on public health.

During this challenging period, your Y membership is needed as much as ever. Your membership dues are a critical investment in helping us meet these evolving needs of our community and in keeping our staff employed. To help you stay healthy, active and informed; please access our virtual classes and new, soon to come, family resources. Your ongoing membership will also help us provide these meaningful services to your community during these toughest of times.

At this time, we will postpone the March 20 membership draft and provide you with options to choose how you wish to direct your next membership draft. Please be on the lookout for our communication in the next week. In the meantime, our association office will be available to address all membership related matters during normal business hours at [membersupport@ymcasv.org](mailto:membersupport@ymcasv.org) and 408-351-6473.

We encourage you to stay optimistic, support those around you with love and care, and continue to exercise healthy living habits for spirit, mind and body. We are hopeful that all of our collective efforts will help limit the spread of the virus, and that we can return to our normal operations as soon as possible.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Please take good care,

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