



Dear Community Member,

Why are we open? That is the question the Y has been getting over the past few weeks. My answer is that we are needed. There are children in need of care and safe space, especially when schools are closed. There are adults and children who need a place to be active as their community begins to withdraw to their homes. For those that assess the risks and decide to come to the Y we will be there. This is who and what the Y is "Community". For those that don't we will welcome you back when you are ready.

The doors of the YMCA are open each day by our dedicated staff who strive to create a safe place for all of us. I'm sure all of you have an inbox full of emails from companies to you on all new sanitizing efforts. Healthy Living is our mission, and your Y staff and volunteers have been sanitizing our facilities like they always have been. We truly care about your health and safety. Our staff have been educated on thorough cleaning regimen and we have incorporated sanitizing signage in our facility for everyone to practice. We will have programs and classes cancelled in the upcoming weeks until March 31st, 2020 due to CDC and state recommendation, but our intent is to run the Y as usual.

The Y is more than a gym and a pool. It's a community. I am asking our Y community to help us by following the recommendations of the CDC. If you are symptomatic, stay home. If you cough, cover your mouth. Don't touch your eyes, mouth or nose without washing your hands first for a minimum of 20 seconds. We are counting on you to help us be there for our community by taking these steps to heart.

The Grants Pass Family YMCA will remain open unless we receive guidance from the CDC, Oregon Department of Public Health or County officials.

That addresses the programs that run now, but what programs will we do in the coming weeks? Whether we are a new emergency childcare site or programs we have not crossed that path yet. The Grants Pass Family YMCA will try to meet the needs of our community in this extraordinary time. We are a service organization and plan on being of service, whatever that might be.

We are also asking that members please continue your membership so the Y can financially be secure to make it during these uncontrollable times. The YMCA does not get state, local or government funding, nor does the Y receive grants to support day to day operations and payroll.

Please consider donating to the Y as well to help support your community on our website.

Thank you,

Matt Lund
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