



Dear Members, Staff and Volunteers of our YMCA,

The Executive Committee Board of Directors met this afternoon, along with our key staff, and have decided to cancel all programs effective immediately. This includes child watch.

This decision, as difficult as it was to make, was made in accordance with the guidelines from public health authorities, news of all regional school closings in our area and coupled with many other considerations which include the safety of our staff, children, elderly, and others in high risk categories as the Coronavirus (COVID-19) issues unfold locally. The Y will also continue to keep you informed and updated as any new developments become available. Some of this may be on a wide-scale communication such as our website www.auburnymca.org or Facebook page and some on a branch-specific level with emails.

Given that the Y is focused on healthy living, youth development and social responsibility, we want to also offer reminders for your personal self-care. This can be a stressful time for many. Self-care is an integral part of overall health, happiness and success. Because this situation will continue to evolve rapidly, it is important that you take care of yourselves and your family, learn the precautions from credible sources, and stay positive. So will the Y.

It's more important than ever to live our YMCA mission of serving and strengthening our communities. While we can't serve you in person, you can become part of **Y360**, a new virtual initiative led by Ys across the country. [Click here to get connected!](#) It's your favorite classes, and the Y community now available at home.

Our decision was made because the risk outweighs the reward. We know that the Y is a place where people come to de-stress and exercise, participate in programs, make friends, socialize, and achieve personal goals. We also know we do not want to put people at risk of contracting this highly infectious disease.

- Those currently enrolled in youth sports and aquatics have two choices: you can consider your program fees a donation to the Y's ongoing mission to serve our community (if this is the case there is nothing you need to do) or take a credit toward future programming in the 2020 calendar year. Please contact our staff to help you with that.

We will stay in constant contact with our health professionals, community partners, staff and members as we learn information and make decisions. ***Our Board of Directors is meeting Tuesday at 4:45pm to discuss our next steps in keeping our community safe. Stay tuned!***

The Y has changed lives for the better over our 160 year history. We expect to continue to do so, regardless of the challenges. We ask for your ongoing support of our efforts during this trying time. Please visit our website at www.auburnymca.org for up-to-date information, and visit our Facebook page.

Thank you for being a part of our Y family, whom we care about very much. We'll get through this together.