

## UPDATE ON 03/16/2020

We know you still have a lot of questions. We do, too. All of us at the Y are grateful for the outpouring of support many of you have expressed. We are committed to doing everything possible to secure the future of the YMCA, and all its services, as these uncertain times continue. Closure for any length of time represents a significant threat to our non-profit organization. The staff and board have been deliberate and thoughtful working with the Cayuga County Health Department and basing our decisions on science and want nothing more than to keep our members, program participants, staff and volunteer's safe at all times.

As a result of Governor Cuomo's Executive Order today at 11AM, with mixed emotion, we will be following that order and ***close both the Auburn YMCA and the Skaneateles YMCA and Community Center starting tonight, Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup> at 8pm. We are unsure how long the order will last at this time. In addition, all classes and programs have been cancelled effective March 16, 2020.*** We will be counting the days to reopening once we can be sure that our members, staff and community will be safe. We promise to keep you informed throughout our closure.

While this closure of our facilities is abrupt, it is the right decision under these extraordinary circumstances presented because the health and well-being of our members our valued staff is paramount. We have been and will continue to be in close contact with Cayuga County Department of Public Health and the NYS Government to monitor the situation and are committed to reopen as soon as possible. During this period, we will continue our efforts to clean and improve our facilities to be prepared for the eventual reopening.

As we enter this period, continuing the YMCA mission of serving and strengthening our communities is even more important. While we can't serve you in person, you may participate in "Y360", a new virtual initiative led by YMCAs across the country. [Click here to get connected!](#) Your favorite classes, instructional programs and the Y community are available at home.

We know the Y is an extension of your family and we remain honored and committed to serving you, just as we have served for the last 160 years. Here are some things we can share with you:

- Those currently enrolled in all of our programs have two choices: you can consider your program fees a donation to the Y's ongoing mission to serve our community or take a credit toward future programming in the 2020 calendar year.
- All members also have a choice. You can consider this month's membership dues a donation to the Y. If this is your choice – thank you. No actions are necessary. If you would like to do something different, we are able to assist you. We can put your membership on hold for you if you would like. Member service representatives will be available by phone from 8 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday (subject to change). Please call your home branch.

**Whatever you choose, we thank you for your support and understanding. Please take care of yourself and one another. Our community is strong, and together, we will get through this!**