

April 29, 2020

Dear Boothbay Region YMCA Members,

This is a challenging time for all of us, our state and country. COVID-19 is a global pandemic and a national emergency, and nobody is sure what the days ahead hold. Given all the uncertainty and the stress that come with these challenges, it has never been more critical to stay together, even as we follow the guidelines from officials to keep each other safe and healthy. Based on the Governor's extended stay-at-home order – "Stay Safer at Home" and the continued recommendations from the CDC, state and local health officials, the Boothbay Region YMCA facilities will remain closed until June 1<sup>st</sup>.

It is our strong intention to reopen our facilities as soon as possible and with the utmost care for our members' safety. We will continue to keep you informed as our community and state continue to respond to COVID-19.

In times of crisis, caring for our neighbors is more important than ever. We are here to continue providing safe opportunities for people to stay active, engaged, and supported. The Y is so much more than a gym. And here, at the Y, you're much more than just a member. At our Y, you're a part of our purpose and you're a partner in strengthening the foundations of our community.

While we know you'd prefer to be here with us, working out, attending classes, and spending time with other members, we ask that you **stay with us** – not simply as a member, but as a *cause-driven* member.

You can help, and we're counting on you.

### **Stay With Us – Your YMCA Membership Choice**

As one YMCA, we ask that you stay with us. Your membership helps support our efforts and ensures our Y remains strong and poised to meet the critical needs in our community during this unprecedented time.

Even though our facility doors are closed right now, we are hard at work. During this time of uncertainty and need, the Y has leaned in to provide food for the

community, host blood drives with the American Red Cross and provide childcare for essential workers.

At this time, we want to remind you of your options regarding your membership.

1. **Keep your membership active.** Keeping your membership active will help ensure we remain fully focused on our efforts to support our community and adjust quickly when called upon. If you choose to keep your membership active, please know how grateful we are for your willingness and partnership. You don't need to take any action to retain this status.
2. **Place your membership on hold.** If you wish to place your membership on hold at no cost during our temporary suspension of services, we understand. Please email Logahn Walker our Member Engagement Director at [lwalker@brymca.org](mailto:lwalker@brymca.org). Our Membership Team will adjust your membership accordingly.
3. **Questions or concerns.** If you have any other questions or concerns regarding your membership, please reach out to Logahn Walker at [lwalker@brymca.org](mailto:lwalker@brymca.org). We are here for you.

We realize you have to make the best decision for you and your family. On behalf of everyone who will depend on our Y in the weeks ahead, thank you for your strong consideration to stay with us. Our community needs you.

### **Supporting Our Community in Times of Need**

The coronavirus outbreak has created enormous uncertainty for us all, but how we respond is within our control. As soon as it became apparent that our Y needed to change course to support our community, we did. Our teams immediately mobilized to explore ways to support you and our community. By continuing to be a part of our Y, you're helping us deploy and expand these resources and services.

**Serving Food to Our Community** – The Y is partnering with other agencies to make sure that our region's children and youth are provided with nutritious meals. Each Monday-Friday, the school is set up in our parking lot to distribute bag lunches that include breakfast for the next day. Each Saturday and Sunday, the Y is funding and distributing similar meals to anyone under the age of 18 from 11:30am-12:30pm.

**Virtual Exercise Classes** – Our Y and our Healthy Living instructors have put together a new Facebook Group called “BRYMCA Group Ex”. This allows you to see some of your favorite instructors and join their work outs virtually from the comfort and safety of your own home. To subscribe to the new Group Exercise page on Facebook please search BRYMCA GROUP EX and join.

**Community Resources** – With closures of schools, restaurants and many other businesses, families are adjusting to a new normal. We want to help you navigate through this crisis by helping to provide resources to better support your needs. Please visit: <https://www.boothbayregister.com/article/boothbay-region-covid-19-help-resources/133064> to access a multitude of resources available to our community.

There is much more work ahead for our Y. We will continue to share updates and additional resources with you and keep you informed of our efforts to support our community. Please continue to visit our website and Facebook page for the most up-to-date information on our YMCA.

Again, I want to thank you for being a part of our Y community, for your membership, your support and your trust. We’re in this together, and together, we’ll emerge stronger.

Warm Regards,

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