



# A Message from the President & CEO

## CORONAVIRUS UPDATE FROM ANNE N. BRIGIS, PRESIDENT & CEO

March 16, 2020

Dear YMCA of Long Island Community,

**The YMCA of Long Island will close all membership operations and non-essential facilities as of Monday, March 16, 2020 at 8:00pm.** This includes Great South Bay YMCA, Huntington YMCA, Patchogue Family YMCA, YMCA at Glen Cove, YMCA East Hampton RECenter, Brookhaven Roe Y Center, and the Y Boulton Center for the Performing Arts.

We hope to reopen these facilities on **Monday, March 30, 2020.** This decision, as difficult as it was to make, was made in accordance with the guidelines from elected officials, public health authorities, local school districts and coupled with many other considerations which include the safety of our staff, members and community as the Coronavirus (COVID-19) circumstances unfold locally, nationally and internationally.

We are in discussions to provide essential services to health care professionals and first responders needing childcare who must report to work to protect our community. We are also planning to continue providing limited telehealth counseling services through our YMCA Family Services branch for families and individuals who need our support.

We cannot express the potentially devastating impact extensive cancellations could have on our staff and our community. We know the Y is an extension of your family and we remain honored and committed to serving you, just as we have since 1919. Last year, when we celebrated our 100th Anniversary, we reinforced the commitment we have made to the evolving communities across Long Island for a century and our commitment to the future. In the coming weeks, the need for services for our most vulnerable populations, such as children and seniors, will increase exponentially. We must step up and act consistent with our legacy as we have always been an organization that has walked toward the challenges.

**Please join the efforts to support the YMCA and our committed staff. We ask that you continue to pay your membership fee and consider it a donation so that we can use this revenue to protect our community during this time of uncertainty.** Naturally, we will put your membership on hold if you wish, but if you want to join us in service to others, please keep your membership active. We know your membership is rooted in the relationships you have built at the Y. Those relationships are based upon the humanity you share with others. Help us create a history that demonstrates how we came together and served those families who needed us the most.

For our Health & Wellness members, we care deeply about you and your well-being. It's more important than ever to live our YMCA mission of providing healthy living programs. And while we can't serve you in person, you can **JOIN US ONLINE** and become part of [Y360](#), a new virtual initiative led by Ys across the country, now available to you at home. We are also proud to launch [Les Mills on-demand](#) to bring you your favorite classes and more in the comfort of your home. These options will be available on our website at [ymcali.org/virtualfitness](http://ymcali.org/virtualfitness) this week. Please stay tuned for an announcement on these exciting partnerships.

While we don't know what the future will bring, we are committed to re-opening our Ys at the very first chance we can and look forward to serving our beloved community. Thank you for helping to support the Y for Youth Development, Healthy Living, and Social Responsibility.

For any questions about your membership, please contact us at [membership@ymcali.org](mailto:membership@ymcali.org). Please take good care of yourself.

In good health,

Anne N. Brigis  
President & CEO YMCA of Long Island

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