



**FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

YMCA Family,

Like our entire nation, our YMCA continues to monitor the ongoing developments associated with the community spread of COVID-19, which is prompting us to make some unprecedented decisions.

Late last week we reduced program offerings, eliminated all group activities and paid programs, but kept facilities open for individuals in an effort to continue serving your wellness needs.

Due to the ongoing public health emergency presented by the COVID-19 virus outbreak, we will be temporarily closing all YMCA of Georgia's Piedmont locations effective 5 PM tomorrow (March 20). We anticipate this closure will last at least a couple of weeks, but will adapt our plans based on the best and latest guidance from the CDC and local public health officials.

We arrived at this difficult decision based on the latest CDC guidance and in consultation with local public health officials. As a nonprofit community service organization, the Y's top priority will always be your health and the health of our community. Our goal with this temporary closure is to do our part in trying to limit the spread of COVID-19 in our community before it threatens to overwhelm our public health system.

Even individuals who experience no or mild symptoms after contracting COVID-19 can act as carriers to exponentially spread the virus throughout our community, including to the elderly and others most vulnerable to the disease. Every small step we take now to reduce spread can have a dramatic positive impact on our community's health in the days and weeks to come.

Digital wellness options available

I want you to know how much we at the Y regret the inconvenience this temporary closure may cause you. We care deeply about our members mental and physical well being, and we continue to pray that all of you stay safe and healthy. While our doors are closed, please know the Y wants to continue to be a resource for you as you seek to maintain your health and well-being during this challenging time. Toward that end, I would encourage you to visit our website and social media channels, where you will find free wellness resources including free online group fitness classes from your favorite instructors. There will also be access to our national YMCA 360 initiative, workout routines and much more.

Financial assistance available

We know many of you may be experiencing significant hardship during this crisis. If so, I encourage you to seek the membership financial assistance available through our scholarship program. We, of course, can also place a temporary hold on your membership if there is no other option. But it is our hope and my personal request that you stick with us in service of the greater good we can do together for our community.

Please take care of yourself and one another. Our community is strong, and together, we will get through this. We pray that God will be with you and your families during this time. If you have any questions or concerns please contact us at frontdesk@gapiedmontymca.org or call the YMCA at 770-868-2917.

Office hours are 9:00am - 12:00pm Monday-Thursday.

With Gratitude,

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