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**Dear YMCA Family and Community,**

**As you are aware Governor Murphy has declared a public health emergency in an effort to combat and minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus. To that end Governor Murphy has ordered a state wide curfew and shut down of all casinos, restaurants, bars, movie theatres, and gyms, beginning 8:00PM today March 16, 2020 until further notice. Therefore, please be advised that the YMCA of Paterson Membership Department will be closed until further notice. Accordingly, all membership programs will be postponed. Additionally, the YMCA of Paterson Early Child Care and Family Friendly Afterschool Program at School 20 will also be closed until further notice.**

**The YMCA of Paterson mission is to serve the community. Thus, we must be mindful of the balance between the current public health risk and the community need for childcare. Consequently, we are deliberating on the possibility of providing child care for our preschool and school age children. Further notice will be provided on our website, social media, and by calling 973-684-2320 ext. 47.**

**The YMCA of Paterson is the largest permanent housing for the homeless population in the Passaic County. We have a responsibility to continue to shelter, serve and protect our residents. Therefore, the YMCA of Paterson shall remain open for residential services until further notice.**

**Gerard Gilliam  
President/CEO  
YMCA of Paterson**



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## **A Message to Members/Parents/Residents/ Community at Large**

The YMCA of Paterson is committed to providing a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone who enters our doors. There are growing concerns about the potential spread of coronavirus, and in an effort to keep you and your family healthy and prevent the spread of germs, we are sharing some important information.

Additionally, we are encouraging everyone to do their part in helping prevent the spread of germs and viruses.

Hand washing remains the most effective method of preventing the spread of germs, including coronavirus. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.

Frequent hand washing and use of antibacterial hand sanitizer are encouraged and practiced throughout our programs by staff and children.

Additional everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like coronavirus, include:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick until you've been free of fever for 24 hours.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

If you or a loved one are experiencing flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough and shortness of breath, please stay home, rest and contact your medical provider.

While no one can predict with certainty whether the United States will be severely impacted by coronavirus, we are monitoring the situation and preparing for the possibility that our daily program and work routines could be temporarily impacted if the situation significantly worsens. We will keep all members and participants updated with information as it develops.

Additionally, we encourage everyone to regularly check the [CDC's website](#) for important updates and safety information. The [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) also has helpful information specific to children and families.