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THE YMCA OF KLAMATH FALLS ~ COVID-19 FITNESS CENTER CLOSURE

Dear Members & Staff of The YMCA of Klamath Falls,

The safety and well-being of our members, staff, volunteers and the broader Klamath Basin community have always been and will always be a top priority.

We have been diligently monitoring all national and local updates surrounding the COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak. To best ensure the health of our community, **we have decided to close our Fitness Center facility to the public effective March 22nd, 2020 until further notice.** As of today, our Childcare programs (Preschool, School Release, and Afterschool) will remain open to those in need. We'd also like to introduce you to [Y360](http://www.YMCA360.org) (www.YMCA360.org) an on-demand fitness program for adults and kids to participate in from home.

We understand this is a very concerning situation. The YMCA of Klamath Falls has been a pillar of the Klamath Basin community for more than 75 years, through both pleasant and challenging times. The decision to close our Fitness Center was made to best ensure the safety of everyone in our community. We will continue to monitor this evolving situation and work with local officials to determine what future actions are necessary.

During this closure, we will provide updates and information directly to our staff, members, and program participants via email. We will also be posting information to our [website](#) and [Facebook profile](#).

We are encouraging everyone to follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines and take responsibility to protect themselves and those around them, including frequently washing their hands with soap and water, avoiding touching their face, avoiding large crowds and close contact with others, and staying home whenever possible.

We will continue to work with our local health department and officials to determine what other actions would be prudent on our part and when it will be safe to reopen our facility.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate this evolving and challenging situation. We ask that you give careful consideration to maintaining your membership during this time of uncertainty. Your support will allow us to continue our mission of strengthening and supporting our community.

With gratitude,

Steve Meng
Executive Director
The YMCA of Klamath Falls

FAQs

We understand that you may have questions about the closure of our YMCA facilities:

How will this impact members of The YMCA of Klamath Falls?

Our organization's leadership will be meeting on Monday, March 23rd, to strategize how we can best respond to these changes on an operational level regarding our members. Within the coming days, we will contact our members regarding the status of their memberships.

When will the Fitness Center reopen?

As the coronavirus outbreak continues to spread, we will remain closed until it is safe to reopen. The exact date of our reopening can only be made more immediate if we all do our part to slow the spread of the virus by following the guidelines of our government and health authority. Please protect yourself and those around you by frequently washing your hands with soap and water, avoiding touching your face, avoiding large crowds and close contact with others, and staying home whenever possible.

Have any of our Klamath Falls YMCA members tested positive for COVID-19?

No. At this time, we are not aware of any staff, volunteers, members or participants who have tested positive for COVID-19.

What is the Y doing during the closure?

During this time, we are deep-cleaning our facilities to make certain all surfaces are free of contaminants. We will remain active on our Facebook page to provide you with all relevant updates.

I was in the Y recently, should I be concerned?

As we recently deep-cleaned the Fitness Center and continuously cleaned regularly touched surfaces, there is no more reason to be concerned by visiting the Y than anywhere else. We all need to be aware of the potential spread of the virus and monitor ourselves and our loved ones for COVID-19 symptoms of fever, cough, and shortness of breath. If you or a loved one develop these symptoms, please stay home and speak to your healthcare provider. For more information, please visit the CDC [information page on COVID-19](#) to learn What You Need To Know and What To Do If You Are Sick.