



A Letter from YMCA Leadership

March 30, 2020

Dear Y Family,

By now you have likely seen that our beloved YMCA of Southwest Washington is part of this unprecedented State-mandated closure. These are challenging times, and our Y is responding in partnership with state and federal health officials, and PeaceHealth. I have learned in my years here in Cowlitz County, that this is a proud community with a long tradition of pulling together in times of need.

The shutdown is having a rippling effect on communities statewide and although the impact here in Cowlitz County is significant, I believe our community will pull together, as it has done so many times before, to emerge stronger and more united on the other side of this crisis.

During the shutdown, the staff is cleaning, painting, and repairing the building. We are also taking care of the swimming pools and the water chemistry so we will be ready to open as soon as we can.

During this time, we are asking that you continue to support your Y. We will need your continued support as we are not yet in a position to sustain a loss of membership and still meet our financial obligations. This is a critical time in the transition and transformation of our Y. The YMCA of Southwest Washington has served this community for almost 100 years, and we are now building the platform from which the next several generations will experience community at the Y.

For those of you who are also suffering from a loss of income and can't support us, please e-mail us as at info@longviewymca.org in the next few days. We miss you and are eagerly waiting to re-open.

With gratitude,

Janine Manny, CEO & the YMCA Board of Directors