



COVID-19 UPDATE

MEMBER UPDATE SEPTEMBER 18, 2020

Due to a recent spread of COVID-19 in our community and at our YMCA, we have made the difficult decision to temporarily limit programs and access to our YMCA. We are currently experiencing a high number of staff who have tested positive, are on quarantine due to a close contact with someone who has tested positive or are testing and awaiting results. Because of this, our capacity to safely operate our facility and programs has been greatly reduced. At this time, we have not been notified of any YMCA member or program participant cases, only staff. For the safety of our members, the community and staff, we will be reducing our operations in the following manner to help mitigate the current virus spread:

EFFECTIVE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

- **MAIN ENTRANCE** to the YMCA will be closed
- **ALL POOLS WILL BE CLOSED** – NO swimming lessons, lap swimming or water ex classes
- **GYMNASIUM AND RACQUETBALL COURTS** will be closed
- **NO GYMNASTICS CLASSES**
- **NO DROP-IN CHILD CARE** (Drop-In at Ascension St. Michael's will still be available.)
- **SATURDAY YOUTH SOCCER SKILLS CLINICS** will still be held as scheduled outdoors on the YMCA soccer fields.
- A LIMITED SCHEDULE OF **GROUP FITNESS CLASSES** will be available through our Facebook [@Stevens Point Area YMCA Group Fitness](#) or try some free class options at <https://ymca360.org/>.
- **WELLNESS CENTER** will be open during the following hours:

MONDAY-FRIDAY

6:00-10:00AM AND 3:00-6:00PM

SATURDAY

8:00-11:00AM

(Men's and Women's downstairs locker rooms will be available)

(Access to the Wellness Center will be through the Purple YMCA Door on Division Street **ONLY**. For those members who need a handicapped accessible entrance, please call the Wellness Center directly when you arrive at the facility at **715.342.2980 Ext. 330**. This number will also be posted on the main YMCA facility doors.)



CHILD CARE AND EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS:

- **ALL DAY CHILD CARE CENTER** will remain open unless you have been contacted by the YMCA.
- **4K CLASSES** will run as scheduled unless you have been contacted by the YMCA or the School District.
- **WEDNESDAY E-LEARNING PROGRAM AT THE YMCA** will run as scheduled unless you have been contacted by the YMCA.
- **BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CHILD CARE** (offered at the elementary schools) will continue to operate as scheduled unless you have been contacted by the YMCA or the School District.

We understand that you probably have many questions so here are a few additional answers to commonly asked questions:

WILL I GET A REFUND OR CREDIT FOR THE PROGRAMS I AM ENROLLED IN?

For those programs that have been canceled, they will simply be taking a 2-week break and will pick back up again on Monday, October 5 as scheduled. We will NOT be offering a Fall 2 session and Fall 1 will be extended to cover all classes missed.

HOW CAN I REMAIN ACTIVE DURING THIS TIME?

Our Wellness Center will be open with limited hours and separate facility access as listed above. We will also be offering Facebook Live fitness classes [@Stevens Point Area YMCA Group Fitness](#). Visit our website, www.spymca.org for more information.

HOW LONG WILL THIS SCHEDULE CHANGE OCCUR?

Monday, September 21 – Sunday, October 4 however we will be monitoring the situation daily and making any changes or adjustments as needed. Please continue to watch our website at www.spymca.org for updates or our Facebook page [@Stevens Point Area YMCA](#).

HOW WAS THE DECISION MADE TO TEMPORARILY LIMIT FACILITY USE AND PROGRAMS?

This decision was made after deliberation with the Stevens Point Area YMCA Management Team, the Board of Directors, and our local health department. We know that the Y is a community hub where youth, adults, and families gather. With this in mind, we felt it necessary to align our decision with what is the safest course of action in the current climate.

ARE THERE ANY CLEANING PRECAUTIONS TAKING PLACE DURING THE CLOSURE?

While our facilities are closed, our staff have been and will continue to clean and sanitize all spaces, equipment, surfaces, and common areas.

WHAT ARE YOUR BUSINESS HOURS DURING THIS TEMPORARY CLOSURE?

With limited staff, our Wellness Center is the only member access area that will be available during this time. Please understand that we will do our best to meet your needs and answer your questions timely but response times could be delayed.

- Child Care Center – Kara Breitbach – 715.952.9339 or kbreitbach@spymca.org
- School Age Care – Chelsea Kelly – 715.952.9313 or ckelly@spymca.org
- Wellness Center – Andy Molski – 715.952.9379 or amolski@spymca.org
- General questions – Sharon Johnson – 715.952.9300 or sjohnson@spymca.org

WE ARE BETTER TOGETHER

Limiting our programs and facility access does not mean we have “closed shop.” Just the opposite! This is another moment where we can truly deliver on our promise of serve those who turn to us for community and survival. We are adjusting and working to provide programs and services that can help you stay connected, healthy and active during this temporary change.

Please take care of yourself, your family and those around you, and continue to adhere to the preventative measures as recommended by public health officials, such as limiting interaction, practicing social distancing, and wearing a face covering. For those Y members and community individuals who may be concerned with exposure should always self-monitor for symptoms or contact their medical professional for further information.

Thank you for being a loyal YMCA member and for your continued understanding during this difficult time. Our hearts go out to all who have been affected by the recent spread of COVID-19 and we continue to pray for quick healing in our community. We appreciate you for your patience and partnership as we work together to support the health and safety of our community.

Thank you and be well,

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