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Dear YMCA Members:

We are excited to see you soon! We hope that this communication finds you and your loved ones safe and well during these unprecedented times. We wanted to reach out to you today to update you on our reopening of the Y, what has been done and what you can expect as a member of our Christian-based, 501 (c) 3 non-profit charity.

To recap, the Y closed its facilities and operations down toward the end of March as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. At first, we were going to treat the couple of weeks we would be closed as our annual maintenance and cleaning week, which usually occurs in August. However, following Governor Justice's announcement of the statewide stay-at-home order, we stopped work completely and sent our full-time employees home with the thought that we would finish up our maintenance and cleaning prior to reopening.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE

Around this time period, we had engaged GRO Development, one of the leading firms in facility design and repositioning for the nation's cause-driven organizations like the YMCA, to help us identify areas of opportunity within our 55,000 square foot facility. GRO had previously guided us through the 2016 remodel and upgrades to our building, so we were comfortable working with them once again. To our surprise, they quickly organized a multi-phase plan that would help modernize and revitalize our nearly fifty year old structure. Instead of sitting on our hands waiting to reopen, the Y called its full-time staff back and took action.

With the full support of our board of directors and the charitable backing of our donors, who generously redirected their contributions from the capital campaign for the recently canceled construction of the new Y to the revitalization of our current home, we went about the process of beginning Phase I of GRO's design, which focused on opening up the floor plan of the top level of the Y.

We're pleased to announce that Phase I has been completed and the top floor has never looked better. We now have:

- A 1400 Square Foot Lobby & Commons Area. Complete with New LVT Flooring, New LED Lighting, New Welcome Center Desk, New Railing, and New Commons Furniture.
- A 5000 Square Foot Wellness Center. Complete with New THOR PP Sports Performance Flooring, New LED Lighting, New Express Lockers with Sanitization Station/Trash Area and Benches, and New Unisex Changing Rooms with Hand Washing Area.

- Brand-new, state-of-the-art MATRIX Cardio Equipment. From treadmills to rowers to ascent climbers and everything in between, the cardio area has something for any occasion. You have to see it to believe it.
- Brand-new MATRIX Strength System complete with full and half rack options, dumb bells, bar bells, plates and more for a total free weight work out.
- Brand-new pads for our MATRIX Selectorized Strength Machines, which continues the tradition of this line being one of the most durable on the market.

It has been a solid five months of work by our full-time employees, board and donors, who helped Phase I happen in one capacity or another. Please thank them when you see them, because they deserve a lot of credit for making the first phase a reality.

That said, we are working towards narrowing down the scope of Phase II, which will touch upon spaces on the middle and bottom floors as well as potentially address our building becoming more accessible for our disabled members and guests. Hopefully, we'll have a more defined direction as we get further into the back half of the year.

REOPENING

Our plan is to open to our members only – no guests, including individuals from other Ys, will be allowed access at this time.

We will reopen on Monday, August 31, 2020. Our new operating hours will be:

Monday thru Friday: 5:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Saturday: 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Sunday: 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

There will be information about new policies and procedures for our child watch services, locker rooms, class rooms, indoor pool and gymnasium available on our website, www.ymcaswv.com. Please review these prior to your first visit, so you have an idea of what to expect when you arrive.

While changing areas and express lockers will be available for use, we highly recommend you come ready to work out.

FACE COVERINGS REQUIRED TO ENTER

Per the state mandate, face coverings will be required to enter the Y and must remain on unless you are working out.

COVID-19 PRECAUTIONS BY THE Y

The Y will be taking extra precautions to ensure the safety of our employees and members.

1. Each day, our employees will have their temperatures taken. Any employee who exhibits symptoms will be sent home for the day and must be symptom free prior to returning to work.
2. Any employee who has been exposed to COVID-19 will be required to self-quarantine for fourteen days.
3. Employees will be required to wear protective masks and gloves.
4. More frequent cleaning and sanitizing will be done and a deep cleaning will take place on a nightly basis.

WHAT IS EXPECTED OF OUR MEMBERS

We ask that our members do their part to maintain a safe and healthy environment for others. Please be patient with our staff and other members as we navigate the guidelines. The following will be expected when you come to the Y:

1. When you arrive, your temperature will be taken by a member of our staff. If you have a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher, or if you exhibit symptoms of sickness, you will not be permitted to enter the Y. You must be symptom free for 24 hours before you are allowed to return.
2. Face coverings are required to enter. They may be removed while working out.
3. Members will be required to scan their membership card each visit.
4. Members will need to bring their own water bottle.
5. Maintain a social distance of six feet.
6. Members will need to wipe down the equipment after use. Be sure it is free of sweat droplets. Our staff will assist in cleaning the touch screens on the cardio equipment – do not use wipes on those!

CHILD PROTECTION & SAFETY

Child Protection & Safety is at the forefront of what the Y does on an everyday basis. In order for us to remain fully chartered as a part of the nationwide movement of the Young Men’s Christian Association, we must have an updated picture of each member that is part of our Y. You will not be permitted to enter without it.

1. Before you enter, we will be verifying that your photo and information is up to date, please bear with our staff as we get through this process. Have your driver’s license/student ID ready to show.

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We are living in a very challenging time. The Y is doing its best to provide our members with a sense of normalcy and an outlet for their health & well-being as safely as possible. We are all in this together. Patience and respect for one another is critical and your understanding with our protocols is essential for us to move forward.

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Finally, the Y continues to ask for our members’ support, especially as we start the next phase of revitalizing the building. Consider making a tax-deductible donation to the:

REMODEL. REVITALIZE. RELAUNCH THE Y CAMPAIGN!

If you have any questions or would like more information about our continued work on the building, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached by phone, 304 252 0715 x 308, or by e-mail, jay.rist@ymcaswv.com.

Sincerely,



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