

Dear Hardin County Family YMCA Members,

On Monday, March 16, 2020 the Governor of Ohio executed an executive order that mandates the closing of our YMCA until further notice.

As an organization that champions bringing people together and encouraging and celebrating community, these COVID-19 driven changes feel very counter-intuitive to who we are and what we support and believe in. However, we will follow the mandates of our Governor because we know the threat of this disease is real and the health and safety of our staff, members, and community is of our greatest concern.

During this difficult time, I ask you to consider continuing your monthly membership payments. If you do, we will acknowledge them at the end of the year as a charitable contribution (for the associated tax benefits).

As a faith-based, not-for-profit organization that has existed in Hardin County for over 40 years, we are already exploring different ways to continue supporting the community and the people who need it most during this National Emergency. We are proud to be a part of the Hardin County community and our staff stand ready to help in whatever capacity called upon as we band together to meet this challenge.

The YMCA will continue to process membership fees as scheduled. Members may request a 1-month hold through an email to [jmooreymca@gmail.com](mailto:jmooreymca@gmail.com). Again, please consider continuing payments to support our ongoing work in the community.

For all members who would like to exercise at home in the time ahead, we are offering a free streaming service for a limited time. You'll be able to stream a variety of workouts ranging from cardio to flexibility to strength from the comfort of your own home. Learn more at our YMCA youtube channel [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOGt\\_lpceP\\_xQhhCMCrut\\_A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOGt_lpceP_xQhhCMCrut_A). If you would like to take advantage of some virtual personal training please email [kimshephard@gmail.com](mailto:kimshephard@gmail.com)

The past week has been a challenging one for all of us. Our thoughts and prayers go out to everyone impacted directly by COVID-19 and indirectly by its social and economic consequences. Remember, this will pass, and when it does the Y will be prepared to pick up where we left off, helping you along with your health journey.

Sincerely,

Jared L. Lehman  
CEO