

## Dear MEWSA Members:

These are unprecedented times. COVID-19 (coronavirus) is a global pandemic and a national emergency, and nobody is certain what the next days, weeks or months hold. The nature of this virus, and how it spreads presents significant challenges to how we serve our families and our communities. The YMCA of Metuchen, Edison, Woodbridge & South Amboy has an organizational responsibility to do everything in our power to prevent the spread of this virus.

With the health and well-being of the Y members and staff our primary consideration, along with quidance received from the national Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the NJ Department of Health and the NJ Department of Education as well as local government leaders, we have made the decision to suspend all MEWSA YMCA facility usage and child care services for two weeks beginning Monday, March 16th at 8:00 p.m., pending further notice. We did not make this decision lightly, but did so with the primary focus being to reduce the potential of transmitting this most serious virus.

Our MEWSA YMCA leadership team will take available quidance from federal, state and local agencies regarding the necessary measures to address the COVID-19 pandemic. We will keep you updated on the status of such measures going forward.

As a reminder, we encourage everyone to sign up for text alerts to receive up-to-date information regarding this emergency health situation and how it effects you, our facilities and child care centers. You can do so by going to the following link: https://www.ymcaofmewsa.org/aboutus/emergency-callback-registration.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you and your family and thank you for your patience and understanding. The MEWSA Y recognizes the challenges this pandemic has brought upon our global and local communities, and we remain committed to keeping to our core values of healthy living and social responsibility to help quide us through this turbulent time.

Sincerely,

Rose Cushing President & CEO

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