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YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee to Implement an Emergency Closing and Suspend Operations - a COVID-19 Response

MILWAUKEE – (March 15, 2020) – We are in unprecedented times with COVID-19 (coronavirus), this is a global pandemic and a declared national emergency. These are difficult circumstances to navigate and the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee YMCA will continue to be a leader in keeping safety and health of our staff, members and community first.

As a result of this commitment, we will be implementing an EMERGENCY CLOSING, whereby closing all facilities at end of business today, March 15, 2020 and will tentative reopen on April 1, 2020. As this is a fluid situation, a decision beyond this date is pending.

All programs in our facilities will be cancelled, including any off-site programming planned during this time. We will offer our members continued health and wellness programs on-line and we will have family/child engagement activities through our www.ymcamke.org web portal for our program participants. All planned program participants who have paid for services will be issued credits, to be used at a later date. We will not draft program fees during the next two weeks.

“This is not an easy decision, but in light of the rapid growth of this pandemic, we believe it is in the best interest of our staff, members and community to close our Branch Operations, and suspend all programming so that we can be a part of the solution, not the problem.” said **Carrie Wall, President and CEO of the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee**. “We may call back limited maintenance staff for cleaning of all facilities, along with some Early Childhood Education and School Age/Day Camp staff, to support those families who work in emergency services (EMT, Fire, Police) or are providing medical services. This decision will be made in the coming days, and in partnership with health care partners.”

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About the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee

For 162 years, the YMCA of Metropolitan Milwaukee has strengthened the foundations of our community by “Putting Christian principles into practice through programs that build a healthy spirit, mind and body for all.” There are five locations throughout the Milwaukee area, as well as YMCA Camp Minikani in Hubertus, along with over 159 program sites where we’re committed to being advocates for healthy families and partnering with others to improve the greater good in Milwaukee County.