



YMCA Member Update: COVID-19 (“coronavirus”)

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From Interim CEO Darryl McKenzie

With growing global concerns around COVID-19 (“coronavirus”), I wanted to provide you with an update on the YMCA of Yarmouth’s response to date and our commitment to you moving forward.

The health, safety and well-being of our members, program participants, volunteers and employees is the YMCA’s top priority and we are following the lead of the Nova Scotia Health Authority at this important time.

First and foremost, I want to assure all members and program participants that we are taking all appropriate measures to ensure our YMCA is safe and we are rapidly developing plans and protocols to ensure it stays that way.

While the Public Health Agency of Canada has assessed the current public health risk associated with coronavirus as low, we continue to monitor for developments very closely.

Based on recommendations released by the Nova Scotia Health Authority this morning at 10:00 am, The YMCA of Yarmouth has implemented the following policies and procedures effective immediately:

1. Any YMCA members/program participants who are feeling unwell should refrain from visiting the YMCA.
2. Any employee who has recently returned from traveling internationally has been instructed to stay home for 14 days and refrain from accessing or using YMCA facilities.
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As part of our response, we have introduced enhanced cleaning protocols at our YMCA, with a particular focus on high traffic and high contact areas. Coronaviruses are easily eliminated by routine surface cleaning and the cleaning products we use are effective disinfectants.

You can also reduce the spread of coronavirus by adhering to the following personal hygiene practices:

- Wash hands with soap and water frequently for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are unavailable.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or your elbow, and dispose of tissues immediately, followed by hand washing/hand sanitizing.

For additional information on the coronavirus in Nova Scotia please visit <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/>.

I also encourage you to contact me with your questions, comments or concerns. My email is darryl.mckenzie@ymca.ca.

Thanks for your commitment to keeping our community healthy and safe,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DM', is positioned above the typed name.

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