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**Monday, March 23, 2020**

## **Fellow YMCA community members,**

As you are likely aware, the State of Indiana has issued a Stay At Home order beginning March 25th through April 7th. Due to this mandate, the Portage YMCA will be closed, even to 24-hour access members, beginning at 9pm Tuesday, March 24th for all in-person exercise. We will continue to offer virtual classes through Facebook Live. Request access to the Portage Township YMCA Healthy Living Facebook page.

We also have obtained access for our members to virtual classes on demand at <https://ymca360.org/> and <https://www.mossamove.net/orders/mossa-home-workouts-complete/45907/user?tid=ymcaportagetownship>

We will remain available for our food program and are committed to serving the community. If you have or know of children who are in need of food, we will continue to serve from 5-6 pm Monday-Friday, through a no-contact method. If you know of anyone who cannot pick up food, we can deliver. Please email [FeedTheKids@YMCAofPortage.org](mailto:FeedTheKids@YMCAofPortage.org).

The Portage Y is also a collection spot for the Portage Food Pantry. A drop off shed is located in the front of the Y building and we are specifically collecting beans, canned fruit, canned meals, canned soup, canned vegetables, cereal, condiments, instant potatoes, jelly, jiffy mix, mac `n cheese, pasta, peanut butter, pudding, jello, ramen noodles, rice, rice sides, spaghetti sauce, any nonperishable items.

We are also set to mobilize should the need arise to provide childcare to our communities' critical care workers and first responders. If you are in need of childcare and fit into one of these categories, please email [SchoolAge@ymcaofportage.org](mailto:SchoolAge@ymcaofportage.org).

What does that mean for you? We of course, would love to have your support during this time, but we understand that you have your own financial concerns. So, we have 4 options for you:

1. Keep my membership as is. I know the Y is still working hard for our community.
  - Option #1, you do not have to do anything.
2. Please consider my membership dues as a donation for the time you are closed and send a related tax statement.
  - Option #2, please email [Jan@ymcaofportage.org](mailto:Jan@ymcaofportage.org) or leave a voicemail at 764-5409 beginning March 24th.
3. I can take a credit on my account to be used at a later time.
4. Times are tough, I will be back when this is over, but I need to put my account on hold.
  - Option #3 or #4 call 762-9622 during the hours of 8am-4pm beginning March 24th or email [BMendoza@ymcaofportage.org](mailto:BMendoza@ymcaofportage.org).

The staff has been busy during this time deep cleaning and completing some special projects. We are excited to be able to welcome you all back and hope you all are staying well. We are also working to make outreach calls to our members who are in the higher risk category. Also, stay tuned for information regarding our virtual classrooms for our preschoolers. These times are challenging for sure, but we will continue to come up with creative ways to be the resource our community needs.

**In health,**

**Shannon Burhans, President & CEO  
PORTAGE TOWNSHIP YMCA**