



**Saturday, March 14, 2020**

**Fellow YMCA community members,**

The Portage YMCA is shifting into Phase One of our COVID-19 Preparedness Plan. Beginning today, Saturday, March 14, the following programs are postponed: all youth sports, aquatics, gymnastics, dance and preschool. Also, our monthly senior luncheon is postponed until a later date. We will reassess this postponement in 2 weeks but note that we are closely monitoring the situation for changes daily.

In order to assist working parents, we will offer our School's Out Y's In (SOYI) school age childcare program, with a maximum of 45 students. However, we do recommend that ALL children remain home if at all possible. The closing of the schools is not meant to be an extended vacation, it is truly to slow the spread of the virus. No children under the age of 11 will be allowed in the building without an adult.

Fun Zone will be limited to 10 children at a time for a maximum of one hour. Priority will be given to children of staff so we can continue to offer as many services as possible.

While we will still offer group exercise classes, they may be limited or cancelled. Please download our free mobile app for the most up-to-date schedule.

The rest of the building will operate as normal to our members with the addition of the increased sanitation and hygiene procedures as previously announced. In order to remain compliant with the recommendation for social distancing, guest passes are prohibited at this time. If you are part of the group at higher risk, those with lung & heart diseases, adults over the age of 60 or are immunocompromised, we highly recommend that you stay home.

We understand that many families depend on the food served at the school to feed their children, therefore, we are working on increasing the capacity of our FREE Food Program. Please stay tuned for additional details, but we do know that it will operate as a drive-up service as to limit the amount of people in the building.

We understand that this is a stressful time for many, so we will do our best to support our community needs.

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