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March 13, 2020
A Message to Staff/Board

The Family YMCA of the Desert is committed to providing a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone who enters our doors. There are growing concerns about the potential spread of Coronavirus, and in an effort to keep you and your family healthy and prevent the spread of germs, we are sharing some important information.

With direction from Riverside County, we will be closing all of our YMCA locations to members and the public due to the coronavirus pandemic. Please take note of the following changes:

- ELP in partnership with PSUSD will be closed from 3/16-4/5;
- YMCA School Age Childcare in partnership with DSUSD will be closed from 3/16-4/5;
- Preschool programs will be closed from 3/16-4/5 at all three locations;
- CVHC Afterschool Program will be closed from 3/16-4/5;
- Palm Desert Aquatic Center will be closed from 3/14-3/29; and
- Main Y will have limited staff, but remain closed to the public and programs from 3/16-3/29.
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Please note that in this rapidly evolving situation, these dates are subject to change. We understand the unscheduled closures may cause hardship on you or your families and we sincerely apologize.

If you are experiencing a reduction in work hours, (that would not have normally been scheduled; i.e. spring break, vacation), there are a few options for wage replacement:

- You are authorized to use your accrued sick/vacation time available;
- If you have a Y retirement or 403b- you may request a loan due to hardship if you qualify (1800-RET-YMCA); and
- You can file an Unemployment Insurance claim that may provide partial wage replacement benefit to workers who have their hours reduced with no fault of their own.

https://www.edd.ca.gov/Unemployment/Filing_a_Claim.htm

- The [Governor's Executive Order](#) waives the one-week unpaid waiting period, so you can collect UI benefits for the first week you are out of work. If you are eligible, the EDD processes and issues payments within a few weeks of receiving a claim

While no one can predict with certainty the impact this will have on our community we are exercising extreme caution to ensure the safety of our staff and participants. We are monitoring the situation and preparing for the possibility of future changes that may occur. We will keep everyone updated with information as it develops.

Thank you for your understanding during this time. Please do not hesitate to reach out to your direct supervisor or Human Resources if you have any questions.

Additionally, we encourage you to regularly check the [CDC's website](#) for important updates and safety information.

Sincerely,

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