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Y Transitions to Support the Washington Community during Pandemic

YMCA will continue to offer child care

Washington, IA (March 16, 2020) – These are unprecedented times. Our world is confronting a new enemy that threatens our health and our peace of mind. At this time we have a choice, we can despair or we can respond. The well-being of members, staff, volunteers and our community is our top priority. We are adjusting, as advised by public officials and responding to a growing need.

“Because of the evolving rules governing the coronavirus pandemic and the impact of school closures, we will continue to care for the families we serve during this crisis,” said Amy Schulte, CEO. “We want to make sure our community doesn’t have to worry that their children are in a safe place, as they continue to provide for their families and serve the community themselves.

As of March 16, 2020 the dedicated Y staff team will offer school-days-out childcare for school age children at the main facility. The childcare center at 816 N. 2nd Ave. will remain open, as well thanks to the support and collaboration of the Washington Community School District. The YMCA staff will implement additional safety precautions for all children and parents to ensure the health and wellbeing of everyone in our program, such as temperature screening and health questions upon entering our facility. We will continue to offer this support for our community until which time we are mandated otherwise.

Throughout all YMCA of Washington County, group exercise classes, sports, senior activities, team practices, youth programs and swim lessons are temporarily suspended. Access to our facilities will be limited to regular staffed hours and all afterhours access will be suspended to ensure the proper staff are present to maintain the cleanliness of our facilities to continue to protect our members and staff.

“The Y is so much more than fitness centers and gyms, pools and locker rooms; we are a cause! Dedicated to strengthening (and protecting) the spirits, minds and bodies of our friends, families and communities,” said CEO Amy Schulte

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About the YMCA

The YMCA is one of the area’s largest nonprofits focused on engaging individuals and families in youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. The Y is dedicated to helping people achieve goals, make friends and find a true sense of belonging. Branches offer quality time for families to be together, resources for parents, and a variety of opportunities for seniors to be active. The YMCA ensures these opportunities are available to everyone no matter their ability to pay with generous support from community partners and donors. For more information about the Y, visit www.ymca.net