



RECREATION & FITNESS FOR ALL AGES

Dear ,

We are writing to let you know that we have made the difficult decision to close the Witherell Recreation Center from Monday, March 16th through Sunday, March 29th. The Carter Community Building will also be closed to the public, with the exception of the CCB preschool.

For the past several weeks, we have been watching the worldwide spread of COVID-19. We have paid attention to CDC guidelines and we have been doing everything we can to prevent illness spreading in our buildings. **We want to be clear that no one who works in our facilities, or who has been in our facilities, has tested positive for COVID-19.**

However, based on what we know from other countries who have experienced outbreaks before us, we know that shutting down public gathering places reduces the spread of community transmission. Reducing community transmission is a responsibility we all share. We believe we need to do our part.

This coronavirus moves from host to host more easily than with influenza and it infects populations exponentially before it wanes. The older you are, the harder it is to fight it off. COVID-19 is at least 10 times deadlier than influenza, per Dr. Anthony Fauci, Director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases.

We recognize closing the Witherell Recreation Center is a disruption for our community and it is not a decision we made without careful consideration. However, community health requires community action. We feel a responsibility to lead in this effort, knowing what we know from watching this public health crisis affect hard-hit communities before us.

We want to see every one of you in terrific health; it's a cornerstone of our mission. We are heartbroken the world is in the midst of this pandemic. Let's get through the next few weeks apart - but together in spirit - and hope that we've helped slow the transmission of this virus.

Sincerely,

Kerry Artman
Executive Director