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The City COVID-19 Task Force has decided our City's reaction to Governor Mike DeWine's directives of March 12, 2020:

The City COVID-19 Task Force has continues to monitor this issue and we are making the following adjustments to the use of our facilities. Based upon the actions taken by Governor DeWine and the recommendations of the Ohio and County Departments of Health, we feel compelled to make these adjustments at this time:

1. With the three weeks "Spring Break" ordered by Governor DeWine for all School Districts and the fact that today is our district's last day for the next three weeks, we would expect parents and their children to take full advantage of our Community Center as a place to "spend the day". On "snow days" we historically experience the gathering of more than 100 students. They primarily gather in the Field House, and Lobby area. **To allow or facilitate this by keeping our Field House open would be a contradiction to the purpose of the early spring break ordered by Governor DeWine.** Experts not that children can carry the COVID-19 virus. Therefore, we are posting on Facebook, our web page, city email and within the Community Center, that effective March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Field House will be closed for the immediate future. We also will be suspending, therefore, all programs within the Field House except the elevated walking/running track.
2. We have suspended the use of our Community Center Community Rooms to groups of 30 people or more.
3. The Human Services Department is suspending our Tuesday Brunch, Thursday Lunch, Fitness and social activities, including the Therapy Pool classes, with the exception self-directed pool therapy.

4. The Gymnasium at Blossom Hill, Building 7, that we share use with Montessori School will be temporarily closed.

#### COMMUNITY CENTER FITNESS CENTER

We WILL NOT close the Fitness Center at this time, however, group classes at the Community Center are suspended. For those who make the personal decision to utilize the Community Center Fitness area, we ask you to please take every precaution practicing good hygiene, including cleaning your work out machine and equipment before and after use.

The Federal Government, your State and County Government, are making it quite clear that this virus is being treated as a National Emergency. Your City Task Force strongly suggests we limit the anxiety and stress, if at all possible, by concentrating on your personal hygiene, limiting your contact as described by the Board of Health, and be mindful that the effort now is to limit the spread of this virus, as well as other forms of flu which are a constant threat to our health. We caution our older persons by realizing they are, thus far, most venerable. Let us concentrate our efforts on prevention and making ourselves available to take care of our older family members. If you have questions regarding the virus the State of Ohio has established a call in Center with health care experts ready to answer your questions, call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH. They are available seven days a week from 9:00 am to 8:00 pm.

MetroHealth Brecksville will be launching a COVID-19 Screening Center the week of March 15th, 2020. This drive-up center is for persons who have the symptoms of this virus only. This is NOT a general screening. Those who believe they have symptoms of the virus will be instructed to call in a certain number, that will be announced next week. The caller will be asked a series of questions. after the telephone screening, the caller may be instructed to come to MetroHealth Brecksville or a drive through screening. This service is only available to those who demonstrate the symptoms and have called in to receive this service. Please watch for this program announcement in the media or at the MetroHealth webpage. We certainly thank MetroHealth Brecksville for offering this service to our region. <https://www.metrohealth.org>

Wash your hands, stay at home when you are sick, avoid contact with those who are sick, and cover your mouth with a tissue or sleeve when sneezing. Clean all hard services once a day, call your doctor before visiting, announcing your symptoms, and for the immediate future avoid large gatherings of people.

Please feel free to call upon Human Services Director Dr. Steve Paciorek, who along with yours truly, are leading our City's efforts to adopt measures that will promote the health and safety of our residents during this COVID-19, worldwide, virus. Short term sacrifices will result in long term gains. This too shall pass, as we have all been encouraged to believe.

