



## Provincial Shutdown & Your YMCA

Dear Members, Families, Supporters, Donors and Friends

As you may be aware, yesterday Premier Ford announced a Province wide Shutdown effective December 26, 2020. Unfortunately we are witnessing escalating numbers of COVID-19 cases which has resulted in a 70% increase in hospitalizations putting additional strain on our health care system and mortality rates continue to grow.

There is added concern as well, that despite health professional's warnings to stay home during the holiday season there is a continued trend of people travelling across public health unit regions.

This provincial mandate, while necessary will have a significant impact on both the business and not-for profit sector and your YMCA of Central East Ontario is no exception.

## Licensed Child Care

Our Full Day Licensed 0-3.8 years Child Care Services operating in Belleville, Peterborough and at Lakefield District Public School will remain operational during the province wide shutdown except for the holiday hours previously outlined and shared with families. We are pleased to be able to continue to provide this service to our families during this most difficult time.

From January 4-8 our Before & After School licensed programs that operate within schools in all regions will be closed. Before & After School programs will re-open on January 11th, assuming that students return to school as planned. **Please note that these families will not be billed for the week of January 4-8th during the shutdown.**

## Health & Fitness Centres

All Branches, Belleville, Peterborough and Quinte West will be closed from December 26th, 2020 - January 24th, 2021.

**Membership Payments will not be processed on January 1st or 15th but will automatically resume once our facilities have re-opened.**

It is truly unfortunate that we find ourselves where we are today, during a season that is usually reserved for joyous celebrations with family and friends. We recognize that this situation will once again cause strain and stress on our incredible YMCA staff and family. We are doing our best to support our wonderful staff and will once again use our values to guide our decisions as we navigate through this lockdown.

## Ways to Help the YMCA of Central East Ontario

As a charity, the YMCA has felt the drastic financial strain of COVID-19. We have invested in the safety of our community, staff and volunteers so that we can all stay connected. If you are in a position to donate, please consider supporting the YMCA of Central East Ontario in one of two ways.

To make a one-time donation, [click here](#).

To have your January membership payment processed as a donation (you will be eligible for a tax receipt), please [click here](#).



### YMCA at Home Online Services

The Y community is here to support you and your family with staying healthy and connected at home. Be sure to visit YMCA at Home for online access to YMCA programs, activities and instructors without leaving the comfort of your own home.

I want to once thank our members, donors and friends for your support, understanding and commitment to our YMCA of Central East Ontario and the communities that we serve. My very best wishes to everyone during the holiday season. It is our hope that you will be able to enjoy some time with your families.

***Be Well, Be Healthy and Stay Safe.***

David Allen  
President & Chief Executive Officer  
YMCA of Central East Ontario

***Thank you for being a member of our YMCA.***



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