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YMCA of Springfield Temporarily Closes Facility Due to Concern over Coronavirus

SPRINGFIELD, IL (March 14, 2020) – We are in unprecedented times. We are confronting a new enemy that threatens our health and our peace of mind. We could despair, panic, 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.

The Springfield Board of Directors, with advice from public officials and the National YMCA, have decided to close our branches effective Monday March 16. We will continue to monitor the fast-changing environment and respond to the best of our ability. At this point we plan to be closed until Monday March 30. Angie Sowle, YMCA of Springfield CEO says, "This was an incredibly difficult decision, but we believe that continuing to operate and run programming during this time would be counterproductive to the social distancing measures that have prompted our K-12 schools to temporarily close. We are looking to help flatten the curve of the COVID-19 virus so that our hospitals do not become overloaded."

For more updates and details, please go to our website at www.springfieldymca.org.

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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