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Ref: Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Chair
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On behalf of trustees and the staff, I would like to make sure that you are clear about our position concerning the Coronavirus. Our Centre Manager, Karen, has already put up notices of advice from British Gymnastics. We are following NHS guidance.

The YMCA centre will stay open under the present circumstances unless the government issues guidance about closure of schools, colleges, nurseries and clubs.

If anyone shows symptoms (cough, fever, shortness of breath), while attending, we will ensure that they are kept away from other users in a safe and secure area. We will notify you immediately and recommend you call NHS 111. As with any other emergency, we would call 999.

If anyone has been in contact with a suspected case, no special control measures or restrictions are needed while laboratory tests results for outcome of COVID-19 are awaited. We will not have to close the centre. If there is a confirmed case of someone who has attended, we will be advised by the appropriate authorities about the measures we need to take such as cleaning and other precautions. We will keep you informed through notices at the centre and our website.

If there were to be a confirmed case of anyone who has attended the YMCA centre, the local public health team will enact appropriate measures such as identifying contacts and giving further advice. At this stage we would not have to close the centre. Current advice is **not to send** anyone to their GP, hospital, pharmacy or medical centre.

If anyone has visited a category 1 specified country or area, and are unwell they should self-isolate for 14 days. The advice is to call NHS 111. The government has issued further advice today for anyone who has been abroad in the last 14 days. Anyone returning from a category 2 country/area does not have to self-isolate unless experiencing dry coughing, fever, shortness of breath. The list of 19 category 1 countries and further guidance is on the government website: <https://www.gov.uk/government>.

YMCA enables people to develop their full potential in mind, body and spirit. Inspired by, and faithful to, our Christian values, we create supportive, inclusive and energising communities, where young people can truly belong, contribute and thrive.

At the moment the vast majority of cases are testing negative. For most people, including children, the infection is not too serious and the majority get better. By taking sensible precautions, we can all help to prevent the further spread and minimise risk to others.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours faithfully

Peter Green

Chair

