

Dear Members and Program Participants,

Obviously, the Coronavirus or COVID-19 situation has been rapidly changing nationally, state-wide and locally. We continue to work closely with the Interim Town Manager, local, state and federal health officials to monitor the situation and obtain day-to-day updates. As of the morning of this message, we have been directed by local and State officials to shut down public access to the Community Center and any Parks and Recreation programs outside the Community Center, consistent with the closing of local schools. Although there are no current known confirmed cases of the virus in our area, this effort is to prevent potential community spread of the virus throughout our area and the State. We will remain open through this Sunday, March 15, 2020 and will close to the public for two weeks beginning Monday, March 16, 2020. Our planned re-opening will be Monday, March 30, 2020, as is the plan for the local schools. We advise that you stay tuned for further updates since the situation continues to be changing daily and further state and local health directions may be given in the coming days and weeks.

If you are enrolled in a program that would have been taking place between March 16-29 we will follow up in the coming week regarding our ability to offer make-up dates or issue partial credits for any program days that were canceled. A free mini-session of limited fitness classes will tentatively be held the week of March 30-April 4. Visit our web site at www.mansfieldcc.com over the next few weeks for more detailed information regarding program cancelations, make-ups and credits/refunds as well mini-session information.

We will continue to communicate any changes or updates as they become available. You are also encouraged to seek additional information on the Town of Mansfield website at www.mansfieldct.gov/covid19. You can also get information from reputable sources such as the Center for Disease Control (CDC), CT DPH, or Eastern Highlands Health District (www.EHHD.org). Mansfield is fortunate to have many parks and trails and we encourage you keep healthy and stay active during this time by hiking or walking outdoors. Visit our website at www.mansfieldcc.com or www.mansfieldct.gov/trailguides for links to our parks and trail maps.