



Dear Y child care families:

The Meriden-New Britain-Berlin YMCA hopes that you and your families are staying safe and healthy during this time. We are hopeful that the public is heeding the warnings in regards to the seriousness of this pandemic. We ask that families and friends execute the procedures outlined by the CDC, local and national governments by washing their hands, sanitizing surfaces, practicing social distancing and do their best to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

As you are aware we have suspended all child care services including AM/PM school age care until further notice following recommendations made by the CDC, local and state health departments.

Emergency Child Care for Hospital Employees

If you are an employee of the Hospital for Special Care, or Hartford Healthcare's Hospital of Central Connecticut New Britain General campus or MidState Medical Center and are in need of child care please contact Tina Valentin at 203-314-1738 or tvalentin@meridenymca.org. There are a limited number of spots for infant, toddler, preschool and school age.

Child Care Payments

We wanted to reach out to you in regards to your YMCA account and services. Your account does indicate that you have paid in advance, so at this time we have stopped future tuition autodraft payments effective 3/23/2020. Autodraft payments that were made the week of 3/9 and 3/16 were applied to your YMCA account as a system credit unless the payments were returned unpaid.

As of this week the Governor has advised CT schools are closed until April 20th. In the event schools do reopen April 20th, our YMCA AM/PM program will also open. The first two weeks of care we provide, you will not be autodrafted and we will use the system credit to pay for care for those two weeks. This will also apply to our child care centers. Once we reopen, your first two weeks of care will not be autodrafted and we will apply the system credit.

In the event that schools remain closed for the remainder of the school year, your system credit can be applied to YMCA summer camp tuition, YMCA programs, applied MERIDEN-NEW BRITAIN-BERLIN YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, INC.



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towards the first two weeks of AM/PM care for the 2020-21 school year or applied to your daycare tuition for the fall or given as a charitable donation to the YMCA.

Thank you for your understanding in this matter, we will keep families posted regarding when we can return to operation for our YMCA facilities, day care programs, and AM/PM school age child care.

Even though our buildings are closed for now, we have resources for you to stay healthy and active and to have fun with your children.

Visit our web sites at meridenymca.org and nbbymca.org and follow us on our social media channels for:

- Daily workouts and recipes
- Basketball skills and drills
- Gymnastics skills
- Fun educational activities
- Share a story and a smile videos.

We are working on more content to add to our web site to help you while you are at home with your kids. Stay tuned!

We hope you and your family continue to stay healthy. Stay positive, we will get through this together.

Sincerely,

John Benigni, CEO