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YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce responds to COVID-19 concerns with facility and program closures

Owen Sound, ON – After careful consideration, the YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce has made the difficult decision to close all YMCA Child Care Early Learning Centres effective 6:00 p.m., Monday March 16, 2020 to April 5, 2020. This is in addition to the closure of its Before and After School Programs and East Ridge Early Learning Child Care Centre, which closed on March 13.

In addition, the YMCA Health, Fitness & Aquatics facility located in Owen Sound will be temporarily closed, including the March Break Day Camp, beginning at 6:00pm on Monday, March 16, 2020 until further notice. The YMCA will continue to monitor the situation with guidance from the local Health Unit and government health experts.

The YMCA's Community & Employment Services are exploring the best ways to support their clients in a healthy and safe manner. More information will be forthcoming.

"We realize the inconvenience this causes to families utilizing our services and sincerely apologize," shared YMCA Chief Executive Officer, Gayle Graham. "The spread of the COVID-19 virus in our province is a very challenging situation. The safety and well-being of our staff, volunteers, families and the communities we serve is of utmost importance to us."

Members and clients of the YMCA are being informed that further information regarding refunds or credits will be communicated soon.

"We would like to take this opportunity to thank the community for its continued support and understanding during this very trying time," expressed Graham. "We look forward to seeing you all again soon."

The YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce is a charity dedicated to building a caring, healthy community by creating opportunities for all people to achieve personal growth in spirit, mind and body. Serving our community since 1877, the YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce enriches the lives of people of all ages and is open to all members of our community. At the YMCA we work together to build strong kids, strong families and strong communities throughout Grey and Bruce counties.

INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITY: Gayle Graham, CEO, YMCA of Owen Sound Grey Bruce

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