

# Closures Confirmed and Extended

As of March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020, the Governors of Maine and Massachusetts have extended their closures of non-essential businesses, including health clubs and fitness Centers, Until **April 30<sup>th</sup>** and **May 4<sup>th</sup>** Respectively. Although we are aware they can rescind or amend these orders at any time, it would appear that we will remain un-available through the month of April to our member and unable to provide the services we know so many of you need.

In New Hampshire, our request for designation as an essential service has been declined and, therefore, our facilities there will also remain inaccessible to members fitness needs until **May 4<sup>th</sup>** at present. We did receive some indication that the State could review health clubs and fitness centers by individual cases based on operational guidelines; however that is unlikely to occur.

As a reminder, member's accounts will continue to remain on "freeze" status, an option we have always offered for those who need or are required to take some time off from the gym. This means billing per person will be only \$5 and help avoid any start up fees in the event someone chooses to cancel and then be required to re-enroll from scratch if they choose to return in the future.

I know this is difficult news for many of you to read and it disappoints me greatly that we are all being forced to pause our lives for something we don't completely understand. But the die have been cast and now we just all need to look forward to the day that things will get back to normal, because for many of us that day will be here before we know it, but for some, things will never be "normal" again.

This brings me to sharing some very unfortunate news about one of our members who frequents our York location, usually about 4-5 times per week. Donn Sommers, passed away at the age of 84, not by COVID19, which I doubt could ever get a hold on him. He was a kind, respectful and devoted person, and a valued member of our fitness family. He will be sorely missed by all that knew him, and his presence in the gym, and in the community will be sorely missed. I believe it safe to say that all of our thoughts are with his wife and family during these especially trying times.

Do what you can to remain active, be kind to one another when it's so easy not to be right now, and stand up and support those who have it worse off than you. And above all...May the 4<sup>th</sup> be with us all...we're gonna need it 😊