Dear Watertown Boys & Girls Club Families,

With concerns increasing around COVID-19, we want to communicate how we plan to address this issue at the Club. Our number one priority at the Club is safety! To that end, we are working closely with Watertown Health Department, Watertown Public Schools and Watertown Police Department to ensure the health and safety of our WBGC community.

While the risk of exposure remains low at this time, we are asking anyone that feels unwell, is symptomatic, or has come into contact with suspected cases to not enter the building. If you or your child have a fever, please stay home.

If you or your child becomes symptomatic with: a fever, severe coughing or difficulty breathing and you have been at the Club in the past two weeks, please alert us by calling 617-926-0968 or emailing info@watertownbgc.org. This information will help us to identify if further actions, notifications or other precautions are necessary.

At this time, all of our programs and activities are operating as planned. If your child is enrolled in a program at Watertown Boys & Girls Club and is symptomatic with a fever, sever cough or respiratory issue, please keep your child at home and notify club staff. We have changed our credit policy allow for credits to be issued for missed classes while your child is symptomatic, without the requirement of a Doctor’s note.

If a school in the WPS district or the WBGC community closes due to COVID-19 concerns, the Watertown Boys & Girls Club will assess the need for our organization to follow recommendations from the Watertown Health Department. If we need to make any changes to our scheduled programs and events, these changes will be communicated via our website: watertownbgc.org, email, and/or our social media pages. If you are enrolled in swim lessons and a closing does take place, credits will be issued to your account to be used at a future date.

We appreciate your continued adherence to recommended CDC guidelines both in and away from the Club including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.

- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

- Avoid touching your face-particularly your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your coughs or sneezes with a tissue or your sleeve (not with your hands)
- Take care of yourself if you are sick. Stay home to avoid spreading to others.
- Avoid physical greetings like hugs, kisses, and handshakes.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns via email info@watertownbgc.org or phone: 617-926-0968. We will provide more information and updates as they become available.

**Informative Links for COVID-19:**

Department of Public Health – Watertown:  
https://www.watertown-ma.gov/965/CORONAVIRUS

Coronavirus Updates from Watertown Public Schools:  
https://www.watertown.k12.ma.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=190103&pageId=25894973

Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH):  

Coronavirus FAQs from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health:  
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Dpo9BWQBnmqOMsRtFK67gLAE3mjjFl1k/view