Facts are important, so let’s start with the basics:

What is COVID-19? How is it spread?
COVID-19 is a respiratory disease caused by a novel (new) coronavirus that was first detected in China and which has now been detected in more than 100 locations internationally, including in the United States. The virus has been named “SARS-CoV-2” and the disease it causes has been named “Coronavirus Disease 2019” (abbreviated “COVID-19”).

The CDC says the virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person. Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet). It is spread through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. The virus results in mild to severe illness. The CDC advises that the following symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure, including coughing, shortness of breath, and fever. There are no vaccines or specific treatment at this time.

If you would like more information about the Coronavirus, frequently asked questions, or how to mitigate the transmission of the disease, please use the following links for your review:

CDC Coronavirus Fact Sheet 1 and CDC Coronavirus Fact Sheet 2

What are we doing to mitigate the spread of the virus here at the Levine JCC?

What are our cleaning procedures and how have they changed?
- Our cleaning personnel will continue to use high-level antiviral cleaning agents to properly disinfect the entire facility on a daily basis.
- We have reviewed our daily cleaning and sanitation protocol for all program areas, have modified and enhanced daily procedures where necessary and appropriate, and have taken steps to ensure that we will have the necessary supplies.
- We have increased the frequency of cleaning for “high touch” areas including, but not limited to, door handles, water fountains, faucets, fitness equipment, JChildcare toys, etc.
- We will be performing an electrostatic disinfecting process performed on all Foundation property including the spaces used by the Levine JCC, our Camp Mindy facilities, dining facilities, etc. This process will decrease the level of virus present on hard surfaces.
- Our staff are being reminded and retrained on procedures for sanitizing toys, equipment, as well as high use surfaces throughout our facilities.
- We will ensure that all of our youth program participants engage in frequent and proper hand-washing and that we remind them about proper usage of tissues and their disposal.

What can I do in order to help mitigate the spread of the virus?
- If you are not feeling well and/or exhibit any symptoms of illness, please refrain from coming to the LJCC facilities until all symptoms have subsided.
- If you have a fever please make sure that you are fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication before returning to the LJCC facility or participating in any programs.
- If you feel you may have COVID-19, have the symptoms described above, have traveled recently, and/or, you may have been in contact with someone infected, please contact a health care provider to request to be tested and refrain from using the LJCC for a period of at least 14 days after your return.
- Please wash your hands frequently, consider carrying hand sanitizer to use if soap and water is not readily available, cover your mouth and nose when sneezing (if a tissue is not readily available use the upper part of your arm/sleeve), and properly dispose of tissues and paper towels in appropriate trash receptacles.

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Can I travel? What if I do travel?
We are strongly discouraging you from traveling to any location on the CDC’s list of Level 2 and Level 3 risk areas. Please use this link as a guide: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html

Should you choose to travel, we want to inform you that you may not be able to fully utilize the programs and services of the LJCC facility for a period of at least 14 days after your return.

All existing LJCC work travel has been cancelled and will remain prohibited for the foreseeable future.

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We know there are a growing number of questions about programs scheduled to take place in the coming weeks and months, including our daily operations and programs.

We are continuing to take proactive steps to protect the health of our community by following the recommendations provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS). Their recommendations are meant to slow the spread of the COVID-19 outbreak and reduce the number of people infected.

Our main priority is to protect the health of our Family of Staff, our Members, Program Users, and Guests when determining whether or not to alter our programming.

We understand these actions will have a significant impact on the lives of people in our LJCC community.

At this time, the guidelines include:
People should avoid large groups of people as much as possible. This includes all of our programs at which more than 100 people will potentially gather.

Mass Gathering or Large Community Events:
- Urge anyone who is sick to not attend.
- Encourage those who are at high risk, to not attend.
- Find ways to give people more physical space to limit close contact as much as possible.
- Encourage attendees to wash hands frequently.
- Clean surfaces with standard cleaners.
- Consider cancelling or postponing these events.

We will be providing further updates for future programming and operations, as we have them. Decisions will be based upon our Staff and Member’s health and safety.

LJCC Program credits:
A pro-rated amount will be posted to all membership accounts for cancelled programs during suspended periods of time.