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## **Westminster Family Fitness Center to Close Temporarily COVID-19 Concerns Cited**

The City of Westminster's Family Fitness Center, located at 11 Longwell Avenue, will be closed temporarily, beginning at noon on Saturday, March 14, 2020. The temporary closure will continue through at least Sunday, March 29, 2020, at which time City officials will re-evaluate continuation of the facility's closure. The City's decision is in response to the novel coronavirus, known as COVID-19.

In announcing this decision, Mayor Joe Dominick stated, "The temporary closure of the Family Fitness Center was not a decision we made lightly, as we recognize its importance to the Westminster community. Given the news from earlier today of the first diagnosed case of COVID-19 in Carroll County, we believe it is important to err on the side of caution and to follow the recommendations of the CDC and Governor Hogan to practice social distancing and avoid gathering in large groups. The City of Westminster considers the health and safety of our customers and staff a top priority."

The City will continue to monitor the ongoing COVID-19 situation before re-opening the Family Fitness Center. Any updates will be posted on the City website, as well as its social media pages.

Below are some steps you can take to protect yourself and your family, and to prepare for the possible spread of COVID-19:

- Wash your hands often;
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands;
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick;
- Clean frequently touched objects and surfaces often;
- Stay home when you are sick;
- Prepare a kit of supplies such as water, food, and medicine, like you would for a winter storm or hurricane, in case you need to stay home while ill or in quarantine. Only buy what you need for a few weeks, so that everyone has what they need to stay healthy; and,
- Stay informed with reliable information from local, state, and federal public health sources.

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about COVID-19 can be found at:

**[Maryland Department of Health COVID-19 FAQ.](#)**

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