Dear Community Members,

We are writing today with an additional update on the COVID-19 outbreak in Washington, DC, Maryland, and Virginia.

Earlier this afternoon, we learned that one of our Fitness Members was a visitor to the Christ Church, Georgetown Episcopal on March 1 where she was exposed to, and made physical contact with, an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19. This member has not been diagnosed with COVID-19 and is not currently showing any symptoms of COVID-19 or otherwise. This member visited the EDCJCC’s Fitness Center this past Saturday, March 7 and since the news of the exposure has self-quarantined. The member used one elliptical machine, which she reported that she cleaned after using, the fourth floor restroom, and did not use the locker room or elevator.

Since the member visited the Fitness Center, the gym has been cleaned multiple times, including a thorough cleaning today, March 9. We have implemented additional cleaning and disinfectant procedures (as recommended by the CDC), including using hospital-grade disinfectants to clean the locker room, studio, equipment, fitness machines, handrails, and common areas throughout the Center, such as all restrooms, Goldman Theater, Cafritz Hall, and the Preschool. Alcohol-based sanitizers are easily accessible to all visitors.

We continue to monitor this rapidly evolving situation through alerts from the CDC and the DC Department of Health. We are staying in close contact with the member and if there is any change we will update you.

If you have displayed symptoms and have been to the EDCJCC recently, we request that you inform us. To do so, please call Emily Jillson, Director of Marketing and Development, at 202-777-3231 or emilyj@edcjcc.org.

Prevention is our priority at this time. Common coronaviruses can cause symptoms similar to a common cold, such as fever, cough, sore throat, and feeling unwell. The symptoms that are currently being seen with the current coronavirus infection are fever and respiratory symptoms such as cough and shortness of breath.

If you or anyone you know are displaying any of these symptoms, or if you or anyone you know have traveled to any of the most at-risk countries, please consider postponing your visit to the EDCJCC.

Learn more about the steps being taken at the EDCJCC specifically, and find a list of resources at edcjcc.org/covid19, or visit the CDC resource page directly. We thank you for your patience and understanding, and for helping us keep our community safe and healthy.

With gratitude,

Board President