**Parent Resource Letter During COVID-19**

Dear Parent,

During this unprecedented health crisis, our nation is facing more challenges than ever before, and we understand the implications these have on your family. Boys & Girls Clubs of Mount Vernon continues to work tirelessly with our partners, local school districts, health care providers, government officials and other organizations to determine how we can best serve Club youth and families now and in the coming weeks.

**Because the safety of young people, our staff and volunteers is always our top priority, Boys & Girls Clubs of Mount Vernon will remain CLOSED until further notice.** We will continue to update you with new information as it becomes available.

In the meantime, this provides some helpful information for families as we all do our part to support one another through this very difficult time.

**Health Resources:**

We care about our Club families, so please continue to follow CDC and local health recommendations to prevent possible exposure or spread of COVID-19 please continue to follow both [CDC and local health recommendations](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/get-your-household-ready-for-COVID-19.html).

**Educational Resources:**

Our staff is working on creative ways to enhance digital school learning and there are numerous ways to keep Club members virtually engaged utilizing Zoom online platform in addition with **My Future** online platform a Boys & Girls Club of America official virtual youth platform.

*BGCMV would like to continue what we do with the help of families and members. We plan to roll out this exciting platform to engage members virtually. Some of the creative works would be story time, journal writing, mentoring, and physical activity. We do need the support of Parents/Guardians and members in order for this to be successful.*

Here are several additional online resources to support your child’s learning during this time.

* [**Scholastic Learn at Home**](https://click.e.bgca.org/?qs=38e4be475ba0d5a09d3e0d5eeadbea1f7d48a11eb2739fbaa5e43824a73219f1849ed6a41a55cd5b1250b75e3e4ce52659860d5312e157f4)
* [**Reading Adventure Packs by Reading Rockets**](https://click.e.bgca.org/?qs=38e4be475ba0d5a06128d10ab584454a7721572570f23b93b0dd6cf0a7e6d6a7b178d570dadc6216438e83375dbbe68550f18212096f1ba8)
* [**150+ Enrichment Activities While Parents and Caregivers Work Remotely**](https://click.e.bgca.org/?qs=38e4be475ba0d5a0962aebb806261e9408f28e223e4e18eb6886822b6bffb77bff855553154b310dcef5eea03b9cac3510a1386f12ec32c0)
* [**No Supplies Needed Simple Activities**](https://click.e.bgca.org/?qs=38e4be475ba0d5a0ba2ad893434f36224068548a132cd3c7c1e25d3a9d265decb4841bda634678ce193d755c67457f85783792a1acb23519)
* ***See school website for more activities you can do at home***

**Nutrition & Fitness Resources:**

Nutrition for all youth remains vital during this National Emergency. Please see this important information on where food programs are available in our area.

* ***Agatha House Foundation*** [***https://agathahouse.org/***](https://agathahouse.org/)
* [***https://feedingwestchester.org/find-help/mobile-food-pantry-schedule/***](https://feedingwestchester.org/find-help/mobile-food-pantry-schedule/)

**Unemployment Information:**

If this crisis has affected your employment status, please use the link below to determine any modifications New York State has made for receiving unemployment benefits.

* NYS Department of Labor <https://labor.ny.gov/ui/how_to_file_claim.shtm>
* [https/: /on.ny.gov/1wRRPa1](https://on.ny.gov/1wRRPa1)

As you are aware, changes are happening daily, if not hourly, and we are doing our best to be prepared for the unknown, as we keep our mission to serve those who need us most, as priority. Please check for updates on our website: [*www.BGCMVNY.ORG*](www.BGCMVNY.ORG)

We know that we will get through this together and encourage everyone to be kind and compassionate to one another during this season of uncertainty. Please know, our commitment to each of you is unwavering.