Dear Shames JCC Members & Participants,

We are reaching out to share some exciting news. After managing several challenging months, we are thrilled to announce that the Shames JCC will begin a phased reopening plan on August 3, 2020.

**Phase 1: Outdoor Fitness, Aquatics, Mini Camps, Special Events**

*Online Registration Opens July 21st!*

Schedules and details are available on our [website](#).

**Outdoor Fitness:** [Group Exercise & Personal Training](#)

**Aquatics:** [Lap Swimming, Aqua Cycling, and Self-led Exercise](#)

**Outdoor Mini Camps for Children & Teens:** [Karate, Art, Sports, and Basketball](#)

**Outdoor Special Events:** [Family Fun Nights](#)
Phase 2 & 3

Phase 2, beginning in September: On-site early childhood programs for 3s and 4s

(Pending any unforeseen or new mandates by government health officials.)

Phase 3 and beyond: Reopening indoor programs

We will keep you informed as plans for Phase 3 are developed.

We're doing our part to help you stay healthy!

As the phased re-opening commences, your health and safety are our top priority. To this end, we are implementing a number of measures that are designed to protect our community from COVID-19.

We are sharing some of these changes here but you can also find details at your convenience on our website.

We are limiting the number of people that can participate in programs at one time.
We will be cleaning and disinfecting areas between activity.

We will be cleaning and disinfecting temporary restrooms frequently.

Providing hand sanitizing stations throughout our campus.

**Additionally:**

- A COVID-19 health screening process that uses new technology and strictly adheres to CDC and Department of Health guidelines will be required before entering the JCC campus. Anyone who does not pass the health screening will not be permitted to attend the Shames JCC campus.

- An in-vehicle, no-touch temperature scan will be administered at our Health Screening Station when you arrive on campus. If anyone in your vehicle does not pass the temperature check, everyone in the vehicle will be asked to leave the Shames JCC campus.
• Signing in for all activities will be required at our new outdoor Information Station and minors under 18 will need to be accompanied by an adult.

• With the exception of Aquatics, activity areas will be located outside and will include two activity canopies, our grass field, and roped-off areas in our parking lot.

• Aside from the pool area, and in adherence to government mandates, all indoor facilities including locker rooms and restrooms, will remain closed. Temporary restroom facilities, including an ADA accessible restroom, will be available outside.

• Hand sanitizing stations will be available throughout our campus.

• All activity areas, temporary restrooms, equipment, and shared surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected MULTIPLE TIMES throughout the day, every day.

• Reservations/registration will be required for all activities, including aquatics, and the number of participants at one time will be limited. “Walk-ins” will not be permitted.

• Aquatic programs, including lap swimming, will be offered at specific times throughout the day for 45-minute periods. Lap swimming will be limited to one person per lane.

• Social distance guidelines will be applied to all activities and areas. Activities will be set up to ensure at least 6 feet between people, unless you live in the same household. (Families can be in close proximity with one another.)

• Shared equipment will be minimal and participants will be encouraged to bring their own mats, aquatics exercise equipment, towels, and filled water bottles.

• Masks, or other face coverings, will be required on our campus prior to, and immediately following, all activities. Masks can only be removed at the direction of an instructor or lifeguard, when activity participants are situated at least 6 feet apart from others. (Masks are considered dangerous for certain physical activities, and in certain cases such as swimming, masks are against the law.)

• Anyone who is sick or has been exposed to COVID-19 will not be permitted on the Shames JCC campus until they are symptom free for 72 hours (without medication), it has been at least 14 days since exposure to COVID-19, and they have written clearance from a health care provider to return to the Shames JCC.
Each program will have specific and unique guidelines and procedures to help ensure the health and safety of participants. To find out more, you can read a comprehensive list of our policies here, or view information about individual programs here.

Please do your part!

- Wear a mask, unless otherwise instructed
- Maintain distance between one another
- Wash hands frequently, or use the hand sanitizing stations
- Stay home if you are sick or have been exposed to COVID-19 in the last 14 days
Our entire community is indebted to those of you who have supported us with your membership dollars as a tax deductible donation over the last few months. You have directly impacted our ability to relaunch programs in a way that is both responsible and safe. For those of you who would like to reinstate your membership at this time so you can join us for Back to the J fitness and aquatics programs, please contact billing@shamesjcc.org.

This is an important first step on a much longer journey to re-opening the Shames JCC. The full reopening depends on additional contributions so please consider giving a donation to the Shames JCC Emergency Fund. All contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

**We can’t wait to meet you back at the J!**

Thank you,

Leslie Meyers, Executive Director
Peter Boritz, Chair, Board of Governors