

Dear YMCA of Lethbridge Community,

The YMCA of Lethbridge represents the communities we serve. We understand that families are navigating uncertainty, *and* we support the work and importance of job action.

Given the high degree of uncertainty in the length of job action that is impacting school operations, we will constantly be evaluating the impact to our community. Please visit www.lethbridgeymca.ca to check for any updates or changes. Program impacts to Licensed Child Care and Out of School Care will be sent directly to families through the Lilio app.

Here are a few answers to the questions we have heard:

- *Are your hours of operation changing?* The Cor Van Raay YMCA will keep its regular facility hours.
- *Can I drop my child off at the Y for the day?* The minimum age requirement for a child to be in the Cor Van Raay YMCA without a caregiver is 8. Children aged 7 years and under will be sent home with their caregivers. At this time, we are not planning additional programming to be available for school-aged children. Day passes/memberships will be required to enter the facility. We do not offer a food/lunch program; see bottom of this message for lunch resources.
- *Are you running extra programs for school-aged children?* At this time, we are not expanding programming and encourage families to explore other community supports.
 - *Why?* This decision wasn't made lightly. The YMCA of Lethbridge maintains a rigorous interviewing, hiring, and training program in compliance with YMCA National Child Safety and Protection, and Imagine Canada standards, and hiring for new programs is a lengthy process. We may be a large facility, but we cannot pivot to support what could be a very short-term change. We will continue to monitor and assess for changes.
- *What about PD Day Camps?* All scheduled PD Day camps will run as previously communicated.

- *I'm worried about my child falling behind in school. Is the free tutoring program still on?* Free tutoring will run as scheduled next week and will be assessed on a weekly basis. As the Government of Alberta has now published toolkits and resources for learning, tutoring will continue to support students in reviewing and studying materials already taught in school. **Please note: this program is not supplemental instruction and will not cover new course content that has not yet been taught by teachers.**
 - Tutoring is located at the Cor Van Raay YMCA in "MPR 5" from 4:30-7:30 Monday-Thursday, is open to all middle and high school students, is supported by qualified employees and volunteers and is free. There is no registration required.
- *I am very upset about the strike!* We are parents of school-aged children, too, and we understand that every family is facing unique challenges. The best way to be heard is to send a message to your MLA: [Members of the Legislative Assembly](#).

Community Resources

We also want to highlight some supports available in the community:

- [Lethbridge Public Library](#) Food Support – Students and families can request a "Healthy Hero Snack" at the library desk.
- Labour Relations Website – Please review the Labour Relations page, including previous communications and FAQs, for the most up-to-date information: [Labour Relations Website](#)

If you have additional questions, please email info@lethbridgeymca.ca

Warm regards,
YMCA of Lethbridge