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Dear Longfellow New Hampshire Members,

The Longfellow New Hampshire Management Team and staff have been working together to create a world class indoor and outdoor tennis and aquatics center in southern New Hampshire for the past 18 months. From the beginning of the coronavirus health crisis, Longfellow has taken the lead in doing everything we can to ensure that our environment and facilities are safe and healthy. We had hoped beyond hope that we could somehow find a way to keep our club open in order to serve the health needs of our community and ensure the jobs of our staff.

Unfortunately, recent events have compelled us to make the most difficult decision we have ever had to make. In consultation with our Management Team, staff, members, and community leaders, we have decided **all facilities operated by the Longfellow Health Clubs will institute a three week temporary pause in our operations.**

As you know, the coronavirus epidemic has become a pandemic, and the situation in southern New England continues to get worse every day. As a result of the continued growth of the number of New Hampshire and Massachusetts residents who now have Covid-19, all schools in or near Nashua have been closed. In MA, Governor Baker has banned gatherings larger than 25 people in an effort to stem the coronavirus outbreak.

Baker said he was amending earlier guidance banning gatherings of 250 people or more to 25, including all community, civic, public, leisure, and faith-based events, as well as sports games with spectators, concerts, and conventions. **It also covers fitness centers, private clubs, and theaters.**

This is what this decision means to our community:

- For three weeks beginning at 9:00 pm tonight, March 15, no member or client will be allowed in Longfellow New Hampshire until this suspension is over.
- We hope to be open again on April 7, and we will watch closely how the coronavirus epidemic develops over the next three weeks.
- Longfellow New Hampshire will be in regular contact with our members as we all work through this unbelievable crisis.

This is a dark time for all sports and in our case, the sport of tennis. We are so sorry that we cannot meet the tennis needs of our community for this hopefully short pause. We know how important our club, our programs, and staff are to our members. **We all feel terrible that the club cannot be used for the next three weeks. We feel terrible about this whole crisis and we are 100% committed to opening up our beloved clubs as soon as possible.** We believe that by working together, our nation, state, community, and club can defeat this deadly virus.

We will keep you on our minds every day as we work to find ways to re-open our precious club. We thank you for all you have done to make Longfellow New Hampshire the top indoor and outdoor tennis and swim club in southern New Hampshire. We all hope and pray that Longfellow will be fully operational soon and that you and your families will remain healthy at home.

With gratitude and eternal hope,

Laury Hammel, President
Longfellow New Hampshire