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Dear Families,

It is apparent that no matter how hard we work to come up with creative solutions and to expand existing cleaning and disinfecting protocol, distancing guidelines and personal hygiene measures, national and local health experts advise against staying open. This includes this afternoon's declaration from the Lewis and Clark County Public Health Department that gyms and fitness centers, among others, close for one week.

We desperately want to be more of a solution than a problem and understand the impossible position some families face as a result of these times. It is our greatest desire for HAC to provide a service and to be of benefit to our community. **We will be closing regular classes and programs until we are able to open and operate under our usual safe and prudent guidelines.** In the meantime, we will explore all available options, including alternative programming for families of first responders, medical personnel and military families.

This situation hasn't been clear from one hour to the next and trying to keep up has been exhausting. This time will allow us to let things develop so we can make the best plans possible for our future. It has been humbling to see our staff and coaches come together to develop more than a few creative ways to keep things running and open for our families.

As much as we want to keep providing some sort of physical fitness and energy outlet for your child the uphill battle is getting steeper. Rest assured we will be keeping a close eye on developments and should a clear, safe opportunity for us to offer programming arise we will be in touch with the details.

Helena Athletic Club is a small, military family owned and operated business that employs 30+ parents and young adults. Our family and theirs rely on the month-to-month operations of the gym. Your support as we navigate the rough road ahead is sincerely appreciated.

Warm regards,

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