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Capital District YMCA to Provide School-Age Childcare for Emergency Personnel at 9 Branch Locations Beginning Monday, March 23rd at 7AM

ALBANY, NY (March 20, 2020) — During these unprecedented times, the Capital District YMCA is responding to the critical need for childcare services for emergency personnel.

Effective Monday, March 23rd, beginning at 7am, the Capital District YMCA will provide childcare for emergency personnel who do not have the option to work from home, as defined by The New York State Education Department.

Emergency health care professionals include licensed health professionals such as physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, registered nurses, LPNs, nurse assistants or laboratory personnel and direct support professionals. Additionally, we are covering first responders, including paramedics, emergency medical technicians, police officers, and firefighters.

The following YMCA branch locations will provide services:

Bethlehem — 900 Delaware Ave, Delmar, NY 12054 Duanesburg — 221 Victoria Drive, Delanson, NY 12053 Glenville — 127 Droms Road, Glenville, NY 12302 Greenbush — 20 Community Way, East Greenbush, NY 12061 Greene County — 35 Rt. 81, Hope Plaza, West Coxsackie, NY 12192 Guilderland — 250 Winding Brook Drive, Guilderland, NY 12084 Schenectady — 433 State Street, Schenectady, NY 12305 Southern Saratoga — 1 Wall Street, Clifton Park, NY 12065 Troy — 2500 21st Street, Troy, NY 12180

Online registration can be found at: <u>www.CDYMCA.org/EmergencyChildcare</u>

Emergency personnel needing care are also welcome to call the Capital District YMCA at 518.869.3500.

"We want to make sure medical professionals in our community don't have to worry that their children are in a safe place, as they care for a growing number of our loved ones during this difficult time," noted Capital District YMCA President David Brown. "Additionally, for emergency personnel who need childcare and are already facing financial hardships, we are offering financial assistance," said Brown.

"The Y is so much more than fitness centers and gyms, pools and locker rooms; we are a mission-driven organization and we are called to help others," said Brown.

For those looking for a way to help support these efforts, please visit <u>www.CDYMCA.org</u> today to make a gift to our Better Together Fund to provide emergency childcare relief to these families.

About the Capital District YMCA

The Capital District YMCA is one of the area's largest non-profits focused on engaging individuals and families in youth development, healthy living and social responsibility. The Y is dedicated to helping people achieve goals, make friends and find a true sense of belonging. The YMCA ensures these opportunities are available to everyone no matter their ability to pay with generous support from community partners and donors. For more information about the Y, visit www.CDYMCA.org or call 518.869.3500.