



Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

Dear Parents, Students, Staff and Friends,

So... we're a week into mandatory closure of schools and many businesses, including Madtown Twisters, to minimize the spread of COVID 19 Virus. We can't know specifically what the future holds, but feel the need to communicate. Changes continue to come quickly, but it sounds like the worst is yet to come, and that two weeks of social distancing won't be enough. Please let us know if you have ideas about anything we can do to make this more tolerable.

For most of our part-time staff, not having hours is something they can live with. On the other hand, most of our full-time staff relies on their employment to pay for living expenses. We can and will continue to employ our full-time staff. This is a good time to do extra planning, facility cleaning and maintenance, and to explore ways of maintaining positive contact with students. Check out the videos on our Facebook and Instagram pages.

- The gym is closed to the public. We will consider interim alternatives such as small group classes and practices when it seems appropriate.
- There will be no tuition withdrawn from customer accounts until re-opening.
- Your spaces in classes and teams will be held for you unless you specifically communicate and withdraw.

Madtown Twisters began 39 years ago in 1981. Founded in the love of gymnastics, the goal was to create an environment where young people could work hard at something they loved. Ultimately, the gym has evolved into its own entity, shaped by the students, parents and staff who have participated. Madtown Twisters is strong, and has weathered many challenging times over the years. This is definitely different. The gym is strangely quiet, state and regional meets have been cancelled, even the Olympics will likely be postponed. At some point though, things will come back toward a new normal. Schools and business will re-open, the Olympics will occur again, and Madtown Twisters too, will be filled with young people working hard at something they love.

Our thoughts and hearts are with all of you. We will keep in touch.

Very sincerely,

Sarah Nelson - General Manager

Wendy Brown & Charles Cotter – Co-Owners