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## Team Update and Opening Information

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Hello Gymfinity Teammates

UPDATE: I wanted to update all our team families regarding what we see as the "new normal" for our operation moving forward. We intend to reopen in stages, they are explained in more detail on the web page dedicated to Gymfinity and Covid-19. (The county/state uses the term "Phase" and we are using the term "Stage" so you can be clear as to which body is regulating compliance.) However, the date we have to return is a bit vague. According to Forward Dane, the county's plan for re-opening, If we classify as a "Gym/Fitness program we are allowed 25% capacity in Phase 1, 50% in Phase 2 and 75% in Phase 3. If we are classified as an Amusement Center/Indoor activity we are pushed out of Phase One and stall at 50% and 75% respectively. So, for our purposes here we are classifying ourselves as Gym/Fitness, which allows us to open in Phase One.

We are trying to be extremely cautious as we move ahead to be able to assure our families and staff that we will do everything possible to maintain a healthy and safe atmosphere and facility. We ask that all our families also act with an abundance of caution to allow others to feel that their kids are safe here with yours.

PROPOSED LAUNCH DATE: Our plan was made with the combined input of health care officials, national organizations, business advisers, lawyers, other gymnastics programs, and of course the collective input from our own staff, parents, and leadership team. Dane county appears to be ready to launch Phase 1 and so are we. We are finishing up some plumbing, painting, and organizational improvements to allow our reopening to begin. At this point we comfortable stating that our re-launch will likely be one June 1st.

TIMELINE MOVING FORWARD: Due to the limited capacity and our desire to have a soft opening, we are allowing ONLY team programs to attend during our first stage of operation. Please find attached the team training schedule. This stage will last approximately 2 weeks when we will re-launch our summer camp program and continue the modified team training. From that point we will look at Gymfinity Stage 2 and allow classes to resume. This must concur with Dane County's Phase 3. Provided all metrics are met, we could see classes return anytime between June 15th and July 6th. Of course all of this is conjecture and can change based on the metrics established by Dane County. If the metrics should reveal a regression, we could feasibly be moved backward to Phase One or even back to being closed again.

RETURN: We will be reaching out with more details as the day of return gets closer. I do want to state unequivocally that if any parent or family has reservations about returning, that we will support a family's decision and there will be no repercussions for anyone who does not want to return in the early stages. Just let us know. We would be willing to directly discuss how we can better plan for your child's return.

PROGRESS: At this point we are putting our progressions on hold. Using school as an analogy; if a child was unable to demonstrate academic prowess to assure commencement, they would be retained to be sure that the progression step was attained before moving them up. These are unprecedented times in our program and though we had a plan prior to closing the doors for 2 months it is now moot. We had kids ready to move up and we knew what training and competition looked like, but then everything changed. With this monkey wrench in the works we will have to assess the kids again, to assure that they are prepared to be successful in the next level. All team athletes will return to their training groups before the closure. We will be running ongoing assessments through June and July and hopefully realign groups by August. There has been no word from USAG as to whether there will be a Fall season or not. So, currently we are still unclear as toward competition. It is also possible that we decide to have our competitive season in the Spring (with Xcel and Optionals) and forgo any Fall competition, if there is any. We have not decided.

NEW POLICIES FOR A SAFE RETURN: The following will be implemented upon reopening. Please understand that these are all tentative as we will need to amend them to remain compliant with the CDC and County recommendations as well as State policies. These government issued regulations can change hour by hour and we will need flexibility to comply.

- Before returning all team families will need to re-sign their team membership forms and registration/waiver as we will have to be operating under new procedures and policies. The new form allows us to take your child's temperature and states compliance with other Covid-19 related polices. These changes are minor, but we do need to state, and have you agree to, the new regulations and procedures.
- We intend to use Docusign to get these new team agreements out and processed in a timely fashion as soon as we are able. They will need to be reviewed by our legal team before we share them.
- If you choose not to sign the forms at this time, your child will have to wait until the gym opens for regular classes in County Phase 3/Gymfinity Stage 3. However, we do anticipate similar agreements will be required at that time for all kids planning to attend.
- Practice times for the Stage One will be limited to 60-90 minutes. This allows 1. A more gradual return without over-training or risking injury, and 2. Doing so will fall in line with recommendations from health care officials as to limiting time of potential exposure by interaction. Gymfinity GO will continue (and be included with team tuition) and we will ask that all team athletes use that program for conditioning at home so we can focus on event training here at Gymfinity during practice. This will help our kids get back up to speed and uses time wisely.
- Teams will be assigned blocks of time that may likely be outside of the practice time slots you may be accustomed to. This again is necessary to limit the number of children and adults in the facility at a given time. These time blocks will not be adjusted to accommodate personal schedules. They will not change until Gymfinity Stage 3.
- Athletes will be assigned time blocks with the same athletes and coaches each day. This will limit the circle of people in contact with each other during this stage.
- Our normal or projected summer schedule is now invalid. We will be reevaluating the schedule every two weeks as we proceed.

See the webpage at the link above to learn more about the other stages of return to programs at Gymfinity. Thank you for your understanding and support. We will continue to provide updates on the website if information or procedures change. No plan is perfect, but I feel that we have a good one in place that allows our kids to get back, or at least closer to, normal.

Please feel free to reach out to me with questions or concerns, until we are all together again; be well.

**Attachment:** [Stage 1 Team Schedule.pdf](#) (44.0kB)

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