

Dear MCLA Community Member,

I am writing to inform you that after careful consideration we have decided to close the Trailblazer Fitness Center for the remainder of the semester. As many of you are aware, the instances of COVID-19 cases are rising across Massachusetts (current positivity rate of 3.06%), including here in Berkshire County. A recent study released by Stanford University has identified fitness centers as one of a handful of locations most likely to support the spread of COVID. While we have implemented all the MA DPH Control Plan and CDC mandated requirements for running a fitness center and our staff is ever vigilant about sanitation, mask wearing, and social distancing within the Center, at this time with COVID on the rise locally we feel that keeping the Trailblazer Fitness Center open carries more risk than we are willing to take.

As a result, the Fitness Center will close for the semester at 4:00 p.m. today until further notice. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but take this measure to be consistent with all our actions this semester – to ensure the safety and well-being of the entire MCLA community.

Best,
Cathy

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