

February 5, 2021

Valued Rec Center Member, Supporter and Community,

The Recreation and Fitness Resources (RFR) Board have made the difficult decision to continue the temporary closure of the Bayfield Rec Center due to the COVID 19 pandemic. Throughout this difficult time, we have had thoughtful and often emotional conversations about the appropriate parameters under which we will reopen the facility. We have concluded that there is no magic number or right answer. We base our decision on the possible risks to the health and safety of our staff, facility users and community at large. At present this appears to be too high.

We continue to monitor and discuss the reopening decision on a bi-weekly basis. As the numbers of positive cases appears to be in the decline, vaccine administration in Bayfield/Ashland County is on the incline and overall pandemic protocols continue to be respected, we are hopeful that the doors to the Rec Center can be swung open soon.

On a positive note, during the pandemic closure of the Rec Center, marked improvements have been made to the facility that will be a pleasure for all users. Look for an electronic sign-in system and membership tracking software, a new entrance arrangement, fresh paint, deep cleaning, and more. We look forward to sharing this with you. Please remain vigilant, healthy, and active. If you are looking for alternate exercise options please call Becky – our Executive Director, for ideas.

Thank you for your continued patience.

Kindly, Michelle Shrider, RFR Chair Bayfield, WI