

LET OUR
VOICES
BE HEARD



CALIFORNIA GYMNASTICS

It is time for gymnastics clubs to band together to make a change!

274 gyms across the United States have been surveyed, and the results found little to **NO CASES** of Covid-19 in any of these programs. We've all had the same experience. By enacting safety protocols and strict guidelines, we have successfully avoided transmission of the Covid virus in most of our gymnastics training centers.

We need to be considered an essential business. We are physical educators. We are "Youth Sports - Gymnastics". We ask to be aligned with the education of children. We support the State's goal to open in-person schools and can be part of the solution. Our students are devastated by gym closures. They are forced to isolate to the detriment of their physical and mental health when social and athletic activities are essential to their wellbeing. ***The children need to be heard!***

What We are Proposing:

From Wednesday, September 9 to Saturday, September 19 (National Gymnastics Day) children make their voices heard in a coordinated effort the length of California.

Plan of Action for California Gymnastics Centers:

- Gather the phone numbers, office addresses, and email addresses for all local representatives and media for your area and add them to the Contact List below for your athletes and families to access. Making sure parents give approval and are involved in this process. Please share this letter and contacts page with them.
- Enlist all current and former athletes to use their own words, express how they feel about their training centers being closed down for months, barely able to open then close, forced outside, or not able to survive and close completely. We need all the athletes and families to reach out in support of reopening our training centers, and share what this means to your child/athlete to be able to train in a safe place, we have proven we can provide inside.
- We are in the process of setting up a **YouTube Channel** and **webpage**, for their videos, photos, letters and more to be placed and shared with parent approval. You will receive that information soon.

Plan of Action for Athletes and Families:

- Make phone calls, write letters, make videos, send photos with emails to local and state representatives listed below on the contact page. We need to be reaching all of the legislature in our State, in multiple ways. They need to hear the children/athletes voices who are being adversely affected by this. What it means for them to be in our gyms, what happens if our training centers can't survive, the loss of dreams and hope, a child's lifetime of training, college scholarships, and even the Olympic Dream.
- Post positive content on local social media and legislative sites, we want this message to be heard.
- Keep letters and emails to one page or less (add photos), leave brief phone messages, say you are with the campaign ***"Let Our Voices Be Heard – Reopen Gymnastic Training Centers in California."*** Leave your contact information, ask for a return call, and create videos that can be easily sent or posted.
- Please sign the Petition: ***Reopen and Reclassify California Gymnastics Centers***
<https://www.change.org/p/gavin-newsom-reopen-and-reclassify-california-gymnastics-centers?redirect=false>