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The exterior of the 24-Hour Fitness gym at 589 Tuckahoe Road in Yonkers

## 24 Hour Fitness Closes 134 Locations, Including Yonkers

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There will be one less gym option available when the coronavirus pandemic finally recedes, which is bad news for anyone who depends on 24 Hour Fitness in Yonkers.

The California chain says it's closing more than 130 locations across the country, including the location at 589 Tuckahoe Road in Yonkers.

It's one of 10 locations in New York to be closed, including others on the Grand Concourse and Kingsbridge in the Bronx,

The closures will essentially reduce 24 Hour Fitness' total reach by nearly a third.

The chain filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on Monday, according to a release, and with that filing, secured \$250 million to help reopen some of its clubs.

In a statement, chief executive Tony Ueber blamed the closings on the coronavirus.

The chain boasted 420 locations in 18 states.

It moved into New York in late 2014 after 24 Hour Fitness bought 32 Bally Total Fitness clubs, which

suffered through two bankruptcy filings, and slowly sold off all its club locations, closing its final one in East Harlem in 2016.

There are a number of Yonkers fitness centers a short drive from 24 Hour's now former location, although all are temporarily shuttered because of the pandemic.

But when 24 Hour Fitness opened many on the Yonkers Newswire Facebook News Discussion group talked about how the various gyms could survive in Yonkers and neighboring communities, since they were so close to each other.

There were many social media group members that predicted that the 24 Hour Fitness location on Tuckahoe Road would not be successful