

The Tri-Cities Family YMCA will soon offer a Universal Locker Room to all members. The new locker room will provide convenience and privacy with individual changing rooms for any member seeking privacy, families, and members with mobility needs.

The new locker room has many features including:

- 38 spacious lockers for daily use.
- 8 individual changing rooms with private showers, toilets and sinks.
- Barrier-free showers with drop down benches.
- Spacious common area with bench, sinks, vanity and suit spinner.
- Three specialized rooms: a parent room for infant feeding and changing, a changing room with a transition bench for members with mobility needs, as well as a larger changing room to accommodate families with multiple children.

What does "universal" mean?

Locker Rooms comprised of smaller private changing rooms that include sinks, showers, and toilets, are often called Universal Locker Rooms because they can be used universally by all members seeking additional privacy.

Why was the Female Locker Room converted to a Universal Locker Room?

Most modern aquatic and fitness facilities have a locker room of this type. The Universal Locker Room is significantly more accommodating for caregivers with young children. The private changing rooms are beneficial for those with mobility challenges and members requiring the assistance of an aid. It will also be beneficial to members who feel uncomfortable using open showers or common areas for changing.

What is the protocol for using the Universal Locker Room? For example, can one undress in the main space?

The Universal Locker Room will include 8 private changing rooms complete with showers, sinks, and toilets and one additional parent room for parents of young children. Members may not change in the common areas. Private changing rooms should be used to disrobe/change. No one should ever be unclothed in the common areas of the Universal Locker Room.

Do I have to use the Universal Locker Room?

No, our Men's and Women's Locker Rooms are available for individuals 18 and older. However, these locker rooms will be offline during their scheduled renovations.

How will the Universal Locker Room be monitored?

Building Monitors will periodically check the Universal Locker Room in the same manner locker rooms are currently monitored.

Can I access the sauna through the Universal Locker Room?

No, the sauna can only be accessed through the Men's and Women's Locker Rooms.

Will there be a suit spinner in the Universal Locker Room? Yes.**Can members rent kit lockers in the Universal Locker Room?**

No. However, there are 38 lockers available for daily use. You may attach a lock, but it must be removed when you are done using the locker. All locks left on at closing will be removed.

When do you expect this locker room to open?

We anticipate opening in January 2026 and will provide timely updates as the opening approaches. Please watch email and social media for updates.

Thank you for working with us to create a safe and welcoming environment for all.