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Your gym may owe you a partial refund during coronavirus crisis, N.J. attorney general says

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Now that New Jersey health clubs have been closed for a month amid the coronavirus pandemic, members may be eligible for partial refunds or store credit, state officials said Friday.

If a gym is shuttered for more than 30 days, residents generally may either extend their membership or receive a refund to cover lost time, according to state Attorney General Gurbir Grewal.

The law does not cover yoga studios, dance centers or other businesses focused on single sports or exercises. Swim, tennis and racquetball clubs are not covered, nor are children's gyms that only offer classes.

Gyms and other businesses were first closed March 16.

Some fitness centers have moved to online classes, and exercise equipment can be bought online.

"The healthier you are, the stronger your immune system is," Dorian Lipoczky, owner of Sphericality fitness studio in Flemington, previously told NJ Advance Media. "If you look at what they're saying about the coronavirus, the people it's (seriously) affecting are those with underlying health issues."

The governor has not set a date when businesses might reopen, but he's said a return to some normalcy likely wouldn't happen until June or July.

The state's consumer affairs office published an FAQ on residents' rights concerning closures and cancellations.

Fraud can be reported online or by calling 1-800-242-5846.

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