

The Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission Responds to COVID-19

The safety and well-being of our visitors, volunteers and staff is the Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission's highest priority. We are closely monitoring the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation as it evolves in Pennsylvania and elsewhere.

We are taking the following steps, developed in conjunction with the Governor's Office, Department of Health, and the Department of General Services.

The State Museum and the Pennsylvania State Archives

In an abundance of caution the PHMC is cancelling all group events, tours and rentals within our facilities in the Capitol Complex and at all of our historic sites and museums through the end of April. The State Museum of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania State Archives are closed to individual visitors and researchers until further notice.

Sites in Montgomery County

In accordance with Governor Wolf's closure of schools and community centers in Montgomery County, we will close the following sites to all visitors until further notice: Graeme Park, The Highlands Mansion and Hope Lodge.

Sites and Museums Outside the Capitol Complex and Montgomery County

Individual visitation will continue to be allowed at PHMC facilities outside the Capitol Complex and Montgomery County, however all group events, tours and facility rentals are cancelled through the end of April.

Staff Meetings and Events

The Governor's Office has issued a memo limiting agencies' hosting of and employees' attendance at large meetings, conferences, trainings and community events. In line with that directive we are limiting in-person meetings within PHMC facilities to 10 people or fewer through the end of April and encouraging staff to collaborate with outside colleagues virtually if possible.

PHMC we will be monitoring this situation in conjunction with the Governor's Office, Department of Health, and Department of General Services.

Beyond these measures, work will continue at PHMC as usual.

Any changes affecting visitation or other PHMC operations will be communicated quickly via PHMC and affiliates' digital and social channels. Visit [PHMC online](#) or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

For information on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) visit the [Pennsylvania Department of Health](#).