

# A message to our members and visitors about COVID-19

Dear Gibbes members,

In recent weeks, the Museum has been closely monitoring the evolving public health situation related to the respiratory virus **COVID-19**, initially called the novel coronavirus. In the interest of protecting the well-being of our staff, volunteers, and visitors, and following guidance from local, state and federal authorities regarding measures that best promote public health, **we have decided to temporarily close the Gibbes to the public and cancel all events, beginning Wednesday, March 18, 2020.**

We at the Gibbes, like many of you, are actively monitoring COVID-19 as the circumstances in Charleston evolve and are prepared to continue to make decisions based on current health professional recommendations, and in response to changing conditions. Any further updates will be announced on our website and social media channels.

In the meantime, we hope you will enjoy the Museum virtually through our social media channels ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#)), [website](#), and [mobile application](#).

Thank you for your support and understanding.

Sincerely,



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*Director of Collections and Operations*

