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## **PHMC's Historic Sites and Museums to Close as Part of COVID-19 Mitigation**

**Harrisburg, PA** – Today, Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission (PHMC) Executive Director Andrea Lowery announced the closure of all of its [state-owned historic sites and museums](#), regardless of location, effective Sunday, March 15 and extending through the end of March to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

Earlier this week the PHMC closed The State Museum of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania State Archives in Harrisburg as well as its sites in Delaware and Montgomery Counties.

Toward the end of the month, the PHMC will re-evaluate its operations, guided by the strategy developed by the Governor's Office and the Pennsylvania Department of Health.

In addition to site closures, the commission instituted protocol limiting in-person meetings within PHMC facilities to 10 people or fewer through the end of April and is encouraging staff to collaborate with outside colleagues virtually if possible.

The Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission is the official history agency of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Learn more by visiting [PHMC online](#) or following us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) or [LinkedIn](#).

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