



MEMBERSHIP ADVISORY

AMA Announcement on COVID-19

The Alberta Museums Association (AMA) has received inquiries about the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) pandemic and how it will impact museum operations and events. Several museums in the province have decided to close their doors to the public, including [Glenbow](#) and [TELUS World of Science – Edmonton](#). The AMA recommends that museums across the province follow the recommendations being put forward by Alberta Health Services (AHS) regarding gatherings in public spaces.

The AMA will be releasing recommendations regarding how museums should respond internally to the pandemic as it relates to emergency response. Please monitor your email for further information, which will be circulated as soon as it is available.

The Certificate in Museums Studies Program does have a course scheduled for April 3 – 4, 2020. At this time, the course is scheduled to proceed; however, should recommendations from AHS change, we will reconsider our offerings. We will also revise our cancellation / refund policy to ensure that members are not out of pocket due to the postponement of any event.

We also understand that opportunities funded through our Grants Program may be postponed or cancelled due to COVID-19 advisories and / or restrictions. If you have questions about extending the reporting period for an existing grant, please contact the AMA at grants@museums.ab.ca.

As you decide whether to remain open to the public or to temporarily close your facility, we encourage you to refer to AHS, the Government of Alberta, and the Government of Canada for accurate and up-to-date information about COVID-19.

This a quickly evolving situation and credible information sources should be closely monitored as your museum makes decisions to protect the safety of visitors, staff, volunteers, and their families. Information regarding current recommendations relating to COVID-19 can be found online at [Alberta Health Services](#), the [Government of Alberta](#), and [Health Canada](#).

The AMA staff will continue to be available to serve the membership and can be reached via [email](#).

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