



MEMBERSHIP ADVISORY

Provincial Government Closes All Alberta Museums in Response to COVID-19

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Government of Alberta has [declared a state of emergency under the Public Health Act](#). As part of these measures, more stringent rules and recommendations are being put in place regarding public gatherings to protect the health and safety of all Albertans. These [new public health measures](#) include the closure of all museums across the province, including those not operated by the Government of Alberta, effective immediately.

To slow the spread of COVID-19 in Alberta, the closure of museums and other community and recreational spaces is an essential step to limit the time Albertans spend in large crowds and crowded spaces and to safeguard public health.

The Alberta Museums Association (AMA) is working with provincial representatives to ensure that museums are supported through this time as well as moving forward. The Canadian Museums Association (CMA) is also working with the federal government to secure support for the museum sector during the response to COVID-19; more information is available [here](#).

We know that the health and safety of your staff, volunteers, visitors, and their families is of the utmost importance. As this situation continues to evolve quickly, we encourage you to refer to [Alberta Health Services](#), the [Government of Alberta](#), and [Health Canada](#) for accurate and up-to-date information regarding current recommendations relating to COVID-19.

The AMA is committed to continuing to work on behalf of the Alberta museum community. In order to be proactive in following public health guidelines, AMA staff will mostly be working remotely. As such, while there may be some delays in our response time, all staff can be reached via [email](#).

For guidelines to help manage your museum's pandemic response, please see the AMA's [Membership Advisory](#). We will also be releasing guidelines relating to museum closures and human resource practices by the end of this week through our [website](#).

Please note also, the AMA office is relocating effective April 1, and all mail, applications, and renewals should be sent to:

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