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# THE FRICK PITTSBURGH TO EXTEND CLOSURE DUE TO COVID-19 EMERGENCY

*Museum continues expansion of virtual offerings at [TheFrickPittsburgh.org/virtual](https://TheFrickPittsburgh.org/virtual)*

PITTSBURGH, PA, March 26, 2020 — Today, The Frick Pittsburgh announced that in order to aid in curbing the spread of COVID-19, it will continue to remain closed to the public through the end of May. This extends the Frick's initial two-week closure period that began on Monday, March 16.

Although its Point Breeze campus is not available, the Frick is committed to providing engaging, insightful, and family-friendly experiences online, including virtual exhibitions and tours, expanded access to digital collections, behind-the-scenes blog posts, and new children's activities posted regularly, all of which can be accessed at [TheFrickPittsburgh.org/Virtual](https://TheFrickPittsburgh.org/Virtual).

New experiences added this week include a tour of the previously unseen upper floors of Clayton, the historic Frick family home. The Frick also posts several new educational activities for children every week. Additional offerings, including online lectures and a biweekly book club, will launch next week. The museum is encouraging community members to reach out and share requests for online content they would enjoy by writing to [info@thefrickpittsburgh.org](mailto:info@thefrickpittsburgh.org).

Currently, the Frick is operating with a crew of essential security personnel on site. Staff members who are able continue to work remotely. Because of the immediate and projected financial impact of the

Frick's abrupt closure in response to the global health crisis, the museum is facing significant budgetary restrictions and has implemented temporary staff reductions in order to contend with impending losses.

"It would be impossible to overstate the profound impact of this unprecedented closure on the many wonderful colleagues who typically shape our visitors' in-person experiences at the Frick," observes executive director Elizabeth Barker. "But our top priority now must be to do whatever we can to protect human lives. At this uneasy time, we are turning our attention to enriching the quality of Pittsburghers' lives with expanded access to art, history, and nature—sources of solace and reminders of our common humanity."

The museum is continuing to monitor the coronavirus situation closely and will provide regular updates regarding the temporary closure at [TheFrickPittsburgh.org/COVID-19](https://TheFrickPittsburgh.org/COVID-19).

## **ABOUT THE FRICK PITTSBURGH**

Located on the Pittsburgh estate of late-19<sup>th</sup>-century industrialist Henry Clay Frick, The Frick Pittsburgh is the steward of collections left as a legacy to the people of Pittsburgh by Frick's daughter, Helen Clay Frick. The permanent collections include fine and decorative arts, cars, carriages, historic objects, and buildings. The Frick experience includes The Frick Art Museum, the Car and Carriage Museum, Clayton, the Frick family Gilded Age mansion, and six acres of beautifully landscaped lawns and gardens. Also included are an Education Center, the Frick children's playhouse (designed by renowned architects Alden & Harlow), a large working greenhouse (also designed by Alden & Harlow), The Café at the Frick, and the Grable Visitor Center, which houses the Frick Museum Store.

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