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MHS Closes Museum Galleries, Research Center, Store, Original Governor’s Mansion

Based on an abundance of caution, the Montana Historical Society is taking another step to protect the health and safety of our staff and the public during the COVID-19 outbreak. Effective immediately, MHS has closed its museum galleries, Research Center, Museum Store, and the Original Governor’s Mansion to the public until further notice. The closures are in line with Gov. Steve Bullock’s recommendations on social distancing to slow the spread of coronaviruses.

The front entrance to the Veterans and Pioneers Memorial Building will remain open and security will staff the front desk.

“We will continue to serve the public by staffing the Research Center desk for calls and email and encourage access to collections through our various digital channels,” MHS Director Bruce Whittenberg said on Tuesday. “Remember that access to the Montana Historical Society collections is not just about walking through the door.”

Montana Historical Society is online at mhs.mt.gov. From there, navigate through the tabs at the top of the page to access online collections and information.

Under the Montana’s Museum tab, find links to online collections of artifacts relating to all aspects of Montana history and culture. Explore a range of collections, including our Charles M. Russell art, at mhsmuseum.pastperfectonline.com.


Shop the Museum Store online at app.mt.gov/shop/mhsstore for books, cards, calendars, maps and posters. “This is when our communities pull together, both our community here at the Montana Historical Society, and the larger community in which we live,” Whittenberg added. “Let’s hang in there together. We can and will get through this.”

The research center can be reached by phone at 406/444-2681 or 444-3112 or by email at mhslibrary@mt.gov.

We appreciate your patience. For more information, contact Eve Byron at 406/444-6843 or eve.byron@mt.gov