Berkshire Museum Press Release
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Berkshire Museum to Close for Two Weeks Effective Saturday, March 14, to Combat Community Spread of COVID-19

Museum will continue to create exhibitions, produce web-based content, and care for living collection during shut down

[Pittsfield, MA] – In an effort to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 Coronavirus within the community, Berkshire Museum will close its doors for two weeks effective Saturday, March 14, through Sunday, March 29. All events and programming will be suspended during this time. Museum staff will continue to monitor conditions in the region during this period and will determine whether an earlier or later re-opening is appropriate.

The decision to temporarily close the Museum’s doors was made Friday based on assessment of new state guidance issued to schools, the closure of cultural organizations nationally and in the region, and our aim to help limit the spread of the virus within our community.

“While community organizations like our museum have not yet been directed to close to the public, we have chosen to heed recommendations regarding ‘social distancing’ as a means of preventing the spread of illness,” said Berkshire Museum Executive Director Jeff Rodgers. “Our primary goal is to protect the health of our visitors, our staff, and our community. And I believe closing our doors for a short period is the most responsible course of action we can take to achieve it.”

During the planned closure, Berkshire Museum’s staff will continue to work: preparing for upcoming projects, creating web-based Museum experiences for students, teachers,
and families, and providing daily care of the animals in our Aquarium. Information about online programming will follow in the coming days.

About Berkshire Museum

Located at 39 South Street in downtown Pittsfield, MA, Berkshire Museum combines art, science, and history to create thought-provoking experiences for the whole family through interactive programs and interdisciplinary exhibitions. Admission is $13; free admission for children 17 and under, Museum members, and EBT cardholders. For more information, visit www.berkshiremuseum.org or call 413.443.7171.

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