The Berkshire Museum Closes Temporarily as a Precaution in Response to Positive COVID Test

Community Museum will reopen on Saturday, December 5

[Pittsfield, MA] – The Berkshire Museum is temporarily closing its doors to help fight the spread of COVID-19 within the community. Museum staff made the decision to close for 2 days as a precaution after learning someone who had recently been on site had tested positive for the virus. All visitors with reservations during the closure will be contacted by the museum to reschedule or refund their tickets.

Museum staff were notified today, December 3, that an individual who had recently been on site tested positive for COVID-19. Visitors who may have interacted with the individual in question have been notified and their contact information has been shared with the Pittsfield Board of Health to aid contact tracing efforts. The museum is currently undergoing a thorough cleaning to sanitize the facility from top to bottom before reopening.

“The health and safety of our visitors, staff, and community have always been our top priority,” commented Executive Director of the Berkshire Museum Jeff Rodgers. “We’ve prepared for this, and our notification, contact tracing, and cleaning protocols are underway. I encourage our patrons to visit us online and look forward to reopening safely once again Saturday morning.”

Before this closure, the museum was in the fourth stage of its phased plan for a safe reopening, which began Saturday, August 1. All reopening plans are subject to change pending state and local guidance. Updates will be shared at berkshiremuseum.org and through the museum’s social media channels.

About the Berkshire Museum
Located at 39 South Street in downtown Pittsfield, Massachusetts, the Berkshire Museum combines art, science, and history to create thought-provoking experiences for the whole family through interactive programs, interdisciplinary exhibitions, and engaging online series. The museum is open by reservation five days a week, featuring *Art of the Hills: Narrative*, the Aquarium, and first floor exhibitions including *Berkshire Backyard, Rocks and Minerals, Animals of the World in Miniature*, and the *Feigenbaum Hall of Innovation*. *Festival of Trees: Legends of the Berkshires* is on view throughout the county. Plan your visit at berkshiremuseum.org or go to explore.berkshiremuseum.org to enjoy the Berkshire Museum wherever you are.