Responding to COVID-19

The Missouri Historical Society (MHS) is committed to ensuring all three of our locations—the Missouri History Museum, the Soldiers Memorial Military Museum, and the Library & Research Center—are safe and healthy environments for visitors, volunteers, and staff.

Under guidance from the CDC, as well as state and regional health departments, we are closely monitoring the status of COVID-19 in our region and the US. We are doing all we can to ensure we remain proactive in our preparedness for COVID-19. Recognizing that this is a rapidly evolving situation, the MHS Leadership team is meeting daily to assess the situation and our response to it.
Keeping Our Spaces Clean and Safe:

- All public spaces are cleaned daily. In response to COVID-19, the MHS team is increasing the frequency of cleaning public surfaces. Cleaning products are in line with CDC recommendations.
- The MHS team has always had a vigorous cleaning schedule for our History Clubhouse exhibit. All surfaces and toys are sanitized multiple times per day.
- Hand sanitizer is readily available throughout MHS’s public spaces. We’re looking into adding more hand-sanitizing stations.
- All employees are encouraged to wash their hands regularly throughout the workday.
- All sick employees and volunteers are required to stay home and practice respiratory etiquette and hand hygiene.

Additional Proactive Actions:

- Following recommendations from the CDC and state and regional health departments.
- Following the recommendations from the American Alliance of Museums (AAM) and working closely with our AAM counterparts.
- All speakers and events are currently planned to go forward as scheduled. However, the MHS Leadership team is continually reevaluating this situation.
- Working to increase our cleaning supply inventory.
- Monitoring local school system action plans and communications.
- Evaluating our supply chain.
- Identifying critical functions that may be affected. Putting plans in place to ensure critical functions can continue on in the event of closure.
- The Leadership team is monitoring the evolving situation and reevaluating plans daily.

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