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Stamford **Museum**
& **Nature Center**

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**THE STAMFORD MUSEUM & NATURE CENTER
IS NOW CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

With the declared state of emergency in Connecticut due to the COVID-19 virus and our clear focus on assisting with containment, we are closing our entire site to the public beginning on Friday, March 20, 2020.

Our first concern is the health, safety, and well-being of our staff, patrons, and the public we serve. With your generosity, care, and cooperation, we will all get through this challenge together.

And of course, essential farm, education, and operations staff will be taking care of ALL of our beautiful Heckscher Farm, HecksherWILD! and classroom animals to keep them safe and happy while awaiting your return.

THE GOOD NEWS

The SM&NC Education Team will be running Facebook Live classes at 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM daily, beginning, Friday, March 20.

The following Stamford Museum & Nature Center Programs have been cancelled or postponed:

- Our Art, Nature & Me Pre-School is closed through at least April 13, 2020.
- Wonder Art Parent-Child programs have been rescheduled for June 9-25.
- March 19: LaRocca's Country Market Wine & Food Pairing is postponed.
- March 20: Astronomy Night @ the Farmhouse is postponed.
- March 26: Global Garden Resonant Beauty Opening Reception is cancelled.
- Global Garden Resonant Beauty: A solo exhibition of orchid paintings by Patricia Laspino is postponed.
- April 3-5; 10-11: Forest Easter Egg Adventure is being reimagined and is rescheduled for September 4-6; 11-12.
- April 7-9: Take a Hike Week is cancelled.

The Stamford Museum & Nature Center is cooperate with all federal, state, and city directives regarding public safety. YOU MUST DO YOUR PART. The CDC safety recommendations are as follows:

- Stay home when you are sick or any family members are sick.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Follow CDC's recommendations for using a facemask.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds before eating, after use of bathroom, blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
- **Please use these additional resources for more information:**
- [US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Situation Summary](#)
- [CT Department of Health Information on COVID-19](#)
- [Stamford Health Information on COVID-19](#)