



Due to public health events throughout the region, and based on guidance from Governor Hogan and our State agency partners, Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum (JPPM) has instituted several measures to ensure the safety of our staff and visitors. Measures include closures, cancellations, and postponements at our facility. These policies have been enacted to promote social distancing so as to limit in person contact between large groups of people at the park in an effort to slow the spread of the virus.

Effective immediately all public tours of our facilities are suspended. This includes, but is not limited to, tours of the MAC Lab, the Built by Women exhibit, and other museum spaces. Additionally, all facility buildings are closed to the public until further notice. Finally, all scheduled public activities have been cancelled or postponed through the end of March. This includes all workshops, guided group hikes, and public events. Individuals who have already registered and paid for workshops or other park activities who would like a refund can contact Debra Rantanen at [debra.rantanen@maryland.gov](mailto:debra.rantanen@maryland.gov).

At this time, JPPM grounds and outdoor facilities will remain open to the public. However, individuals using the park will be required to follow the CDC's guidance and Governor Hogan's executive order limiting public gatherings to 10 people. While the park remains open, staff will implement enhanced cleaning protocols on our outdoor facilities. To ensure your safety and the safety of other park visitors we advise everyone to follow the CDC's COVID-19 prevention guidelines found [here](#).

This is a fluid situation, and we will continue to adjust our policies as events change. Up to date information on JPPM's operations can be found on our [website](#) and Facebook page. Questions about park policies and the status of current or future closures, cancellations or postponements can be directed to [jef.pat@maryland.gov](mailto:jef.pat@maryland.gov).

The health and safety of the public and park staff is our primary concern. To stay educated and up to date on this rapidly developing situation we encourage you to keep track of the latest factual information regarding COVID-19 at the Maryland Department of Health website at <https://coronavirus.maryland.gov/>. Additional information on this virus can be found on the CDC website and Governor Hogan's COVID-19 webpage at the following links:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>  
<https://governor.maryland.gov/coronavirus/>

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