

Message to Our Patrons and Visitors in Response to Coronavirus Friday, March 13, 2020

Dear Friends of Glen Echo Park,

As you are likely aware, many facilities in our community are suspending programs in order to stem the Coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Glen Echo Park operates through a partnership with Montgomery County, the National Park Service, and the Glen Echo Park Partnership for Arts and Culture. Together with Montgomery County, and in accordance with their policies of closing facilities to ensure the safety of the community, we are cancelling all public programs, classes, and events, as well as private rentals, as of Monday, March 16, through Friday, March 27.

While social dances are cancelled this weekend, we remain open through Sunday for classes and many other programs as indicated on our website.

This is a challenging time for everyone in our community, but we must prioritize health concerns and the well-being of our patrons, staff, and the larger community. We are saddened that we must suspend our programs temporarily, but we look forward to serving you again in the near future.

During this time, we will be offering flexible make-up and refund options. If you are a student enrolled in a class that is currently running or begins during the time that classes are canceled, you will be contacted separately about making up class sessions.

If you have tickets to <u>Adventure Theatre MTC</u> or <u>the Puppet Co.</u>, please see their websites for more information. If you have purchased a ticket to the March 21 *Dance Party with Soul Crackers*, we will contact you directly about rescheduling the event or providing a refund.

For questions about these and other activities at the Park, we are setting up a webpage (www.glenechopark.org/updates) with further information.

The Glen Echo Park Partnership office will continue to be open and staffed, although hours may be limited, and we encourage you to contact us by phone (301-634-2222) or email.

We will continue to monitor the situation closely with the County, and any changes that arise during the closure will be communicated via email, website, social media, and our Park hotline. We will send an update on programming that is scheduled to take place after March 27 as soon as information becomes available.

Thank you so much for your continued support during this unprecedented situation.

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