The Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) is closely monitoring the latest developments regarding the COVID-19 Novel Coronavirus outbreak through updates from the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The ADAH maintains a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) and has developed an action plan for scenarios specific to the COVID-19 outbreak.

The health and safety of our visitors, volunteers, and staff is our highest priority. We have increased precautionary measures including:

- Greater frequency of cleaning and disinfecting the public areas of our building including restrooms, exhibits, handrails, elevator buttons, public computers, etc.

- Providing recommendations to prevent illness through frequent cleaning of hands, covering the mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing, and avoiding close contact with anyone showing symptoms of respiratory illness.

- Preparing an Emergency Management Group to provide sustained agency leadership and protection of our building and collections in the event of pandemic conditions in Alabama.

Should it become necessary to curtail public services or cancel events, we will post announcements on this page and on our social media platforms (Facebook and Twitter @AlabamaArchives).

See the current status of various agency functions below:

**Museum Hours**
The Museum of Alabama is currently open to the public Monday through Saturday from 8:30 to 4:30.

**Research Room Hours**
The EBSCO Research Room is currently open to the public Tuesday through Saturday from 8:30 to 4:30. It is closed on Mondays.

**Field Trips and Group Tours - CANCELLED**
*Effective Monday, March 16, 2020, all field trips and group tours are cancelled through April 30, 2020.* We are in the process of notifying all teachers, schools, and tour companies. We will make an announcement in April about the status of tours scheduled to take place in May. If you have specific questions or concerns regarding your field trip or group tour, please contact Sarah McQueen at sarah.mcqueen@archives.alabama.gov or (334) 242-4364.

**Traveling Educational Resources - SUSPENDED**
We have suspended our Trekking Through History Backpacks and Trunks program for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year and are no longer taking reservations for these materials. We hope to resume this program next school year. If you have questions, please contact Sara Kunau at sara.kunau@archives.alabama.gov, or (334) 353-4712.
Public Programs (Food for Thought, Spring Genealogy Workshops) - CANCELLED
Effective Monday, March 16, 2020, all public programs are cancelled through April 30, 2020. This includes our monthly Food For Thought lunchtime lecture series scheduled for March 19 and April 16 and our spring genealogy workshops scheduled for March 21 and April 18. We are in the process of contacting all genealogy workshop registrants and will extend full refunds. For questions about public programs, contact alex.colvin@archives.alabama.gov or (334) 353-4689. For questions about genealogy workshops, contact Courtney Pinkard at courtney.pinkard@archives.alabama.gov or (334) 353-9272.

Records Management Training and Site Visits - CANCELLED
Effective Monday, March 16, 2020, staff travel for site visits and training is cancelled through April 30, 2020. To discussion options for virtual training, contact Becky Hebert at becky.hebert@archives.alabama.gov or (334) 353-5039.