



### **A Message from Desert Botanical Garden: Coronavirus/COVID-19**

Desert Botanical Garden is closely monitoring the COVID-19 situation and wanted to share the measures it has taken to ensure the health and safety of our visitors, members, volunteers and staff. Garden staff is monitoring the situation daily and plans to keep visitors informed of changes on the website ([dbg.org](http://dbg.org)) and social media channels.

**As of today, March 17, the Garden trails remain open, but the following exhibits, events and activities are subject to the following cancelations, closures and postponements due to COVID-19 recommendations:**

#### **Exhibitions and On-Site Activities**

- Cactus Clubhouse – Closed
- Cocoon – Closed
- Spring Butterfly Pavilion – Closed
- Docent Discovery Stations – Closed
- Behind-The-Scenes Tours – Canceled
- Guided Field Trips – Canceled
- Self-Guided Field Trips & Outdoor Exploring – Canceled

#### **Events and Classes**

- Think & Drink, March 18 – Canceled
- Garden Happy Hour, March 19 – Canceled

- Patron Circle Plant Sale Preview, March 19 – Postponed
- Flora and Finances Workshop, March 21 – Canceled
- Spring Plant Sale, March 20-22 – Postponed
- Music in the Garden, March 20– Canceled
- Agave on the Rocks, March 27– Canceled
- All Adult and Children’s Education Offerings and field trips are canceled, beginning March 17

The Garden’s leadership will continue to make informed decisions led by best practices and factual updates from trusted sources, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), World Health Organization and Arizona Department of Health Services. Hopefully this information helps you feel more informed when making personal decisions for yourself and your family, and thank you for your continued support. The Garden looks forward to offering you a place to relax, explore and connect during these uncertain times.

### **What the Garden is Doing**

- Increased cleaning of rentals items, including scooters, wheelchairs and strollers, are disinfected after every use. All drinking fountains are sanitized a minimum of once per day.
- Mobile hand-washing stations deployed in strategic locations.
- Installation of hand sanitizer stations at high traffic areas.
- Prohibiting staff from all business-related travel to countries that have Level 2 or 3 travel alerts.
- Encouraging all staff to practice healthy habits as recommended by CDC.
- Asking any staff who aren’t feeling well to stay home.
- Posting information for guests regarding best practices at Admissions and in the restrooms.
- Increased cleaning supplies for office spaces and providing tissues and antibacterial products for staff use.

### **What You Can Do**

- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, and follow other recommendations by the CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- Maintain appropriate social distancing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Sneeze and cough into your elbow.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.
- If you have tickets to an upcoming Garden event, class or general admission pass and would like a refund, or you cannot attend due to illness, please contact the Guest Service Help Line at 480.941.1225 or [contact@dbg.org](mailto:contact@dbg.org). If you have purchased a ticket to an event that is canceled, the Garden will notify you via email. For continued information, please visit the American Alliance of Museums website or the CDC’s website.



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***Our Mission:*** *The Garden's commitment to the community is to advance excellence in education, research, exhibition, and conservation of desert plants of the world with emphasis on the Sonoran Desert. We will ensure that the Garden is always a compelling attraction that brings to life the many wonders of the desert.*

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