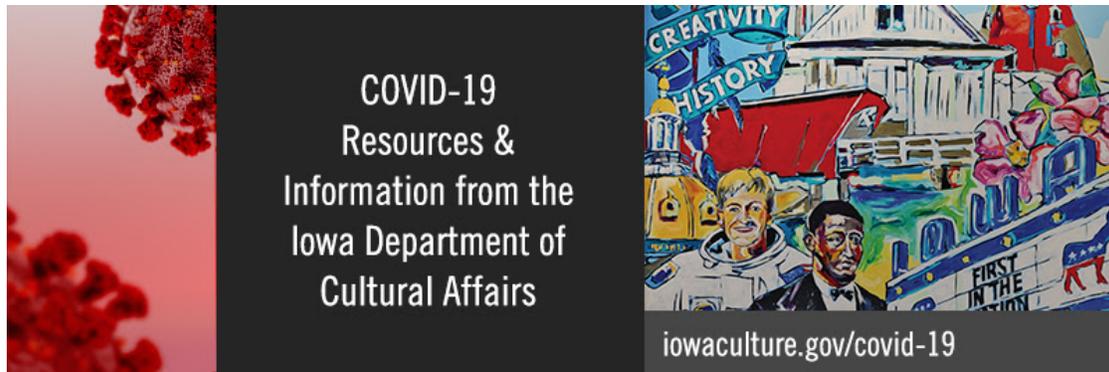


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Colleagues,

As some Iowa museums, zoos and movie theaters are starting to reopen this weekend, made possible by Governor Reynolds' recent [proclamation](#), I'd like to thank everyone who leads cultural nonprofits and creative businesses for their careful planning over the past few weeks.

More than 100 of those leaders met virtually earlier this month to contribute to our department's Iowa Arts & Culture Reopening Task Force. Their insights – and questions – are invaluable as our state navigates a safe path forward amid this pandemic.

Here are a few important updates:

Surveys

- If you haven't already, please complete a new [survey from the Iowa Economic Development Authority](#) (by 5 p.m. today) and an ongoing [survey from Americans for the Arts](#). It's important to speak up for culture to help shape federal, state and local decisions.

Grants

- Tuesday, May 26, is the deadline for Iowa humanities organizations to apply for our [Iowa Arts & Culture Emergency Relief Grants](#), thanks in part to the CARES Act through our [new partnership](#) with the National Endowment for the Humanities.
- Monday, June 1, is the deadline for our [annual state grants for art, film, history and culture](#). Please help spread the word.

Other Resources

- **Featured Webinar:** Hancher Auditorium and the University of Iowa's College of Public Health are co-hosting a public [webinar to help performing-arts organizations reopen safely](#). Mark your calendars for 3 p.m. May 29, and register online.
- **Sample Reopening Plans:** Several Iowa museums have shared their reopening plans as a reference for others, including the [Des Moines Art Center](#) and the [National Czech & Slovak Museum & Library](#) in Cedar Rapids.
- **Guides:** If you're planning summer camps or classes, consider the latest guides from the [Iowa Department of Human Services](#) as well as the [Centers for Disease Control & Prevention](#). Additional resources are available on our [website](#).

As always, please feel free to [contact our staff](#). The State Historical Museum of Iowa and our other sites will remain closed until June, but we are ready and eager to help.

Take care,

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