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Dear Friends,

We write to you during what is an unprecedented moment in our lives. All around us, people, businesses, schools, municipalities, and museums are having to change their course of action to accommodate the unknown. Lexington Historical Society has not been spared. **With the goal of keeping our staff, volunteers, and visitors safe, we have made the decision to cancel all our Patriots' Day and other previously scheduled programs and close our museums through April 2020.**

Our administrative staff is still working, though remotely. They are creating ways to experience Lexington's history virtually, so we can continue to fulfill our mission, serve the community, and keep history alive during this time of crisis. We urge you to view our website, www.lexingtonhistory.org, and our [social media accounts](#) (@lexhistsoc) to experience our online offerings.

As you know, Lexington Historical Society is a private non-profit organization. We rely on museum admissions, memberships, and donations to keep afloat. With the closure of our museums, *our finances will be severely impacted.*

We need your help. We are committed to caring for our historic properties - Buckman Tavern, Hancock-Clarke House, and Munroe Tavern - in perpetuity, and assure you that they will be ready to visit once we reach the other side of this crisis. In the meantime, we hope you can give as generously as you can to assist us in this unprecedented time of need. All gifts, large and small, are welcome and appreciated. If you have a donor-advised fund, we ask that you consider a much-needed grant to Lexington Historical Society. To give, please click the link on our home page or write a check payable to Lexington Historical Society and send it to: PO Box 514, Lexington, MA 02420.

Thank you for your help. We look forward to seeing you again at our programs, museums, field trips, book groups, and all the other wonderful ways that history brings us together.

With wishes for good health to you and your family,

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