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THE FRICK PITTSBURGH ANNOUNCES SALARY REDUCTIONS, ADJUSTMENTS TO STAFF FURLOUGH PLANS

PITTSBURGH, PA, April 3, 2020 – Today, The Frick Pittsburgh announced that it will institute temporary salary reductions in order to contend with mounting financial losses due to the COVID-19 emergency.

Observes executive director Elizabeth Barker, "By taking this important step, the Frick will extend its available payroll funds, and be able to keep more staff members employed for longer during the closure."

The announcement coincides with the Frick's decision to rescind many of the temporary staff furloughs that it announced last week, due to expected economic stimulus support.

"Speaking for the board," says Frick board chair David Burstin, "we are pleased that we can retain more of the Frick's people, and we appreciate the staff's understanding of the need to reduce salaries at this time."

While its East End campus remains closed, the Frick is continuing to provide engaging and informative experiences for visitors of all ages through its website and social media. Virtual exhibitions and tours, digital collections, behind-the-scenes stories, and new activities for kids are posted regularly at <u>TheFrickPittsburgh.org/Virtual</u> and on <u>Instagram</u>.

ABOUT THE FRICK PITTSBURGH

Located on the Pittsburgh estate of late-19th-century industrialist Henry Clay Frick, The Frick Pittsburgh is the steward of collections left as a legacy to the people of Pittsburgh by Frick's daughter, Helen Clay Frick. The permanent collections include fine and decorative arts, cars, carriages, historic objects, and buildings. The Frick experience includes The Frick Art Museum, the Car and Carriage Museum, Clayton, the Frick family Gilded Age mansion, and six acres of beautifully landscaped lawns and gardens. Also included are an Education Center, the Frick children's playhouse (designed by renowned architects Alden & Harlow), a large working greenhouse (also designed by Alden & Harlow), The Café at the Frick, and the Grable Visitor Center, which houses the Frick Museum Store.

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