

Heidi Costello

From: Debbie Tarry
Sent: Friday, March 20, 2020 3:34 PM
To: Heidi Costello
Subject: FW: Kruckeberg Fwd: [EXTERNAL] COVID-19 Closure Effective Immediately

Heidi –

Can you add this as an URL for my update? Thanks.

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Below is the full message I received from joe anot Kruckeberg I also spoke with him. I did offer that we could move the 3rd quarter payment up if necessary.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "joe@kruckeberg.org" <joe@kruckeberg.org>
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Eric,

After a meeting with local public gardens and one with Katie and Rick, we have decided that we need to close the garden until further notice concerning Covid-19. Additionally, guests are not mindful of the importance of protocols, and this is too much of a risk to staff and other guests.

We are laying off all staff, myself included, after the end of the month. This measure was taken to preserve our reserve account for when the garden can re-open and resume business, programming, and payroll. Without the spring sale and the Mother's Day Sale, our shortfalls are too significant. Additionally, it's looking more and more like summer camp programming could be at risk. That's \$6,500 in refunds.

I will continue to be at the garden daily to look after maintenance and prepare for when we do open.

I'm sure there are questions or concerns. I'm available to answer anything.

Respectfully,
Joe

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