



Dear Friends of the MACC:

We know everyone is deeply concerned about the recent coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, and we are taking the situation seriously at the Monthaven Arts and Cultural Center. The well-being of our students, teachers and visitors is of utmost concern, so I wanted you to know the proactive steps we are taking to ensure everyone stays healthy.

Our most immediate step is to close Monthaven Mansion and galleries to the public through March 31. The MACC's adult art classes and Arts After School classes were already closed this week for spring break. Out of an abundance of caution, we have decided to follow Sumner County School's lead and will also extend our spring break through the rest of March.

I want you to know that we will be making productive use of this time. With our students out of session this week, we have brought in a professional crew to give Monthaven Mansion a deep cleaning. Our galleries, classrooms and all other public spaces have been thoroughly scrubbed, vacuumed, dusted and sanitized. In addition, we have installed touch-free hand sanitizer dispensers at both entrances on the mansion's first floor.

We are following the CDC's recommendation about crowd sizes and have already postponed our Heritage Music Concert with Carlene Carter and John Carter Cash, which was scheduled for March 28. The MACC will announce a new date for this concert later this spring. We feel confident that with all these precautions, we should be able to resume full operations at the MACC in April. We will continue to monitor the situation closely, though, and provide updates if other changes are mandated.

Thank you so much for your understanding and for your support of the arts. Please stay healthy, and we will see you all soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink that reads "Cheryl Strichik".

Cheryl Strichik
Executive Director/CEO
Monthaven Arts and Cultural Center