



Dear Community Members,

The Iowa Ceramics Center and Glass Studio (ICCGS) is reaching out to you today to let you know we are taking measures to make sure our community and our staff are safe.

ICCGS has decided to **temporarily close our studio** and adjust all programming. We will be adding online lessons through Google Classroom.

The well-being of our community from COVID-19 is our primary concern therefore we are following the recommendations from the CDC and Iowa Department of Health.

Here is our plan:

1. ICCGS will close our studio at **noon on Wednesday, March 18th**. Please contact all staff via email as we will be working remotely. We will only allow 10 people at a time in the studio to pick up work or purchase clay Wednesday Morning.
2. All classes, workshops, and events will be **postponed until April 16th**, but will reevaluate as the situation changes. To all weekly classes and open studio members whom are currently enrolled in Session 2020.2, our intention is to extend the current session by three weeks to make up for the time closed.
3. We are open to renting out tools and equipment to registered studio members. Send us an email regarding what you are looking for and your contact information.
4. Please feel free to purchase extra clay and create at home! We will fire anything you make once we are back in operations.
5. We will work to keep our community engaged virtually, through digital classrooms and social media. We will be sending out emails to students in weekly classes for more info on how to access this content.

We do not take these actions lightly. The cancellation of programs and closer of our studio damages us and our community in ways that are both incalculable and unprecedented. It has become clear that social distancing is the most effective way that we will be able to limit the spread of the disease, and ICCGS is committed to doing our part.

Thank you for your understanding as we continue to navigate these challenging circumstances. If you are able to contribute to ICCGS to help us and our staff and artists weather the substantial loss of work and income, please click the button below to help ensure the legacy of our organization!

[Donate Here](#)

We appreciate your support for our community-minded studio and helping us all stay healthy during this time. Thank you for being a part of ICCGS community!

Please follow our social media sites for the most up to date information. [Instagram](#) or [Facebook](#)

**Be Well,
Ellen Kleckner & The ICCGS Board
Executive Director**