

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Agency Status – Updated 5/12/20

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The Alabama Department of Archives and History (ADAH) will be <u>closed to the public through May 25, 2020</u>. This includes the Museum of Alabama, the EBSCO Research Room, and the Department of Archives and History building.

All group tours, public programs, hosted events, in-person training, and staff travel scheduled through May 30, 2020, are cancelled or postponed. Additionally, the following events are cancelled or will be rescheduled: June 5-6 Symposium on Women's History; and all Alabama History Institutes scheduled in June.

<u>Alabama History@Home</u> is a new clearinghouse of links to free, online resources for exploring Alabama history while practicing social distancing. Resources include educational materials for children, virtual tours, streaming media, digitized collections, and research databases from institutions across the state.

Additional resources for specific audiences include:

For Researchers

As conditions permit, we will continue to process requests made online with our <u>Research Request Form</u>. Submitting requests by postal mail is not recommended due to potential interruptions of service.

During periods of reduced staffing, priority will be placed on delivery of Forms DD-214 required for U.S. veterans' benefits and requests associated with judicial proceedings. Please send DD-214 requests to reference.archives@archives.alabama.gov.

Agency resources available for online research can be found at the <u>Explore Our Collections</u> section of our website.

For Government Records Managers

Our Records Management staff is available to answer your questions. Visit the <u>Records and Information</u> <u>Management</u> section of our website for contacts and other resources. We are developing plans for online training and consultation.

For Local Archives and Museums

Our staff is available for remote consulting. Find contact information and additional resources on the <u>Disaster Preparedness and Recovery</u> section of our website. Please contact us if pandemic conditions or other emergencies threaten archival or museum collections in your custody.

For Educators

Visit the Education sections of the <u>ADAH website</u> and the <u>Alabama Bicentennial Commission website</u> for resources that can be used while school is cancelled to plan social studies curriculum and activities.