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Pennsylvania Announces Proactive Measures for Capitol Complex, Governor's Residence in Response to COVID-19

Harrisburg, PA – In response to COVID-19, the Department of General Services announced today that effective Friday, March 13, 2020, all public events in the Capitol Complex and Governor's Residence will be canceled until further notice. All operations of the Governor's Office and General Assembly will continue, but access to the Capitol Complex will be limited to employees and people with badge keycard credentials.

"Our top priority is the health and safety of the public," DGS Secretary Curt Topper said. "This protective measure to limit social distances is being made in consultation with the Department of Health and is in keeping with the CDC's guidelines. The Department of General Services appreciates the partnership with the General Assembly as we take this necessary step regarding the spread of the COVID-19 virus."

The cancelation of events applies to all interior and exterior venues in the Capitol Complex and will affect public gatherings such as rallies, school or group tours, choir performances and receptions.

The Capitol Complex includes the Main Capitol Rotunda, East Wing Rotunda, Keystone Building Atrium, Forum Auditorium and The State Museum of Pennsylvania.

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