The Cummer Museum of Art & Gardens is monitoring COVID-19 (coronavirus disease) both globally and locally, and we will follow the recommendations of government and public health agencies, as well as the American Alliance of Museums and VISIT FLORIDA and Visit Jacksonville, the official tourism resources for the state and city.

ACCORDING TO THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH, THE RISK TO THE PUBLIC IN FLORIDA REMAINS LOW.

To protect our visitors and team members, the Museum has implemented extra precautions regarding sanitizing our campus including, but not limited to, bathrooms, door handles, flat surfaces and other public areas.

+ Training for the team on how best to prevent the spread of illness.
+ Extensive cleaning and sanitation of high-traffic areas (e.g., handrails, doorknobs and elevator buttons).

As always, staff, members, docents, volunteers and visitors are encouraged to be diligent about preventive hygiene. According to public health authorities, you can also help prevent the spread of illness by frequently washing your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the restroom and before eating. Parents can supervise their children to ensure they wash their hands thoroughly. Covering your nose and mouth with a tissue when sneezing is recommended. If you are sick, please stay home.

With the situation evolving daily, we encourage our visitors and the traveling public to follow any guidance offered by the Florida Department of Health (DOH) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS FROM THE CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL AND PREVENTION:

There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. However, as a reminder, CDC always recommends everyday actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

+ Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
+ Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
+ Stay home when you are sick.
+ Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
+ Clean and disinfect frequently-touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
+ Follow CDC’s recommendations for using a facemask.
+ Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially using the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

For information about handwashing, see CDC’s Handwashing website: cdc.gov/handwashing