



Thirty Alaska museums responded to a survey about COVID-19 impacts experienced from mid-March to mid-April, 2020

ALASKA MUSEUMS & COVID-19

13

MUSEUMS
furloughed or
reduced staff hours



28 employees

LAID OFF
8 full and 20 part time staff

MARCH 17

all Alaska museums were closed
to the public until further notice



\$4million

in estimated revenue losses
(based on 26 reporting museums)



1/3

of respondents have applied
for CARES Act relief

3

 unable to pay **rent** and **utilities**

3

 at risk of **permanent closure**

Direct quotes from workers at Alaska museums about COVID-19 impacts experienced from mid-March to mid-April, 2020



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“Without seasonal revenue, things are going to get very rough.”

“We can only afford to pay staff through the end of the month and are unable to pay rent effective immediately.”

“The SBA loan and grant program is not going to be enough to make up our losses this spring.”

“We are a designated federal and state repository and the largest of its kind in Alaska. Our collections require ongoing care and maintenance of the facility (for example, liquid nitrogen vats) and we cannot simply close the doors and walk away. In order to preserve these state and federal resources, financial help is required.”