



Garden friends,

As the coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak continues to spread throughout our area, we have a duty to do what is right for our community and our staff, and to do all we can to keep one another safe in this unprecedented moment.

As of Friday, March 20th, the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden is closed to visitors in accordance with California Executive Order N-33-20 which calls for Californians across the state to “stay home” for the preservation of public health and safety during the COVID-19 pandemic. We will remain closed until further notice. For further detail regarding Garden programs, events, operations, and more, please visit our [COVID update page](#).

We have regrettably closed our physical gates, but we won't stop in our mission to conserve native plants for the health and wellbeing of people and the planet. That mission is more important than ever as we as a society lean into nature as a place of respite, peace, and normalcy in our lives.

We will be ramping up our digital presence and exploring new ways to connect with you all in the coming weeks. If you aren't already doing so, follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for regular Garden updates plus videos and photos, community conversations, and more. We'll continue to roll out exciting new online offerings as the days go on. Stay tuned!

This is a difficult time for our community, and for the Garden. We rely on our admissions, memberships, and donations to be able to maintain and protect our Garden as a community resource and to continue our conservation work across the state. If you have the means, please consider supporting the Garden during these trying times.

Thank you all for your understanding, patience and, most of all, for being a part of this incredible community. The Garden, along with all of the Californian native ecosystems we protect, remains a vital part of all our lives, especially in moments like this.

Be well and take care of one another.

Steve Windhager

Executive Director