



Colorado Model  
Railroad Museum

**March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**For Immediate Release**

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**Subject: Colorado Model Railroad Museum Closure in Response to COVID-19**

With the spread of COVID-19 the Colorado Model Railroad Museum has a policy that we follow the guidance of our state, county, and City of Greeley government and public health officials regarding our availability to the public.

Yesterday the City of Greeley announced the following statement closing all non-emergency facilities, including City Museums (*excerpt from City of Greeley Press Release*):

“City of Greeley officials decided to close non-emergency city facilities in response to the spread of COVID-19 and two presumptive positive cases in Weld County.

State officials are encouraging the cancellation of public gatherings in Colorado with more than 250 people. City officials strongly encourage any gatherings of fewer than 250 people to practice social distancing and [CDC-recommended precautions](#).

At this time, Weld County Department of Public Health and Environment has identified two individuals who tested presumptive positive for COVID-19 via the testing process overseen by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). These individuals are considered “presumptive positive” until the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) confirm the cases.

This means effective immediately, the city is closing public access to all non-emergency facilities at the close of business today, March 13. The closures will remain in effect through March 30 at which time the situation will be re-evaluated. All essential city operations and staff — including, police, fire department, water, sewer, and key infrastructure will continue functioning. Emergency services will continue.”

Also in the City of Greeley Press Release is the following quote that rings true for the Colorado Model Railroad Museum, “To protect the health, safety, and welfare of community members and staff alike,

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officials decided to reduce social and public contact by closing city facilities.” The safety of our volunteers, staff, and visitors is of the utmost importance to the Colorado Model Railroad Museum and closing the museum to increase safety by reducing social and public contact will be effective immediately.

In accordance with City of Greeley guidance, the Colorado Model Railroad Museum will close effective March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020, until March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We will continue to monitor the situation and revise or adjust as needed.

Again, the health and safety of our volunteers, staff, and visitors is our top priority and the CMRM is committed to doing our part to help keep our community safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle Kempema". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Michelle" on the top line and "Kempema" on the bottom line.

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