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## **State Preservation Board Agency Closes Capitol and Other Properties Until Further Notice**

In an ongoing effort to reduce exposure to the COVID-19 contagion the State Preservation Board will fully close public access to the Texas State Capitol effective 8:00AM, Wednesday, March 18, 2020. Elected officials and staff will be able to enter the building to continue work. State agency personnel with state IDs also will be allowed in the building.

The Capitol Grounds, Capitol Visitors Center and the Capitol Visitors Parking Garage will be closed to the public as well. All gift shops and the Capitol Grill also will close as part of the effort to reduce exposure to the COVID-19 contagion. The previous closure of the Bullock Texas State History Museum remains in effect. The agency will reduce onsite staffing to skeleton crew levels and utilize telework. Essential security, housekeeping, and facilities services will continue in the building.

The agency will continue to monitor public health officials' protocols for containing community transmission of the COVID-19 virus and respond accordingly. SPB will notify the public as soon as the Capitol is scheduled to reopen. Please check our website for updates at [www.tspb.texas.gov](http://www.tspb.texas.gov). We regret any inconvenience this temporary disruption may cause.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

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### **About the State Preservation Board**

Established by the 68th Legislature in 1983, the State Preservation Board preserves and maintains the Texas Capitol, the Capitol Extension, the Texas Governor's Mansion, the 1857 General Land Office Building, the Texas State Cemetery, and operates the Bullock Texas State History Museum for the benefit of the citizens of Texas.

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