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To our Friends of The Montclair Foundation / Van Vleck House & Gardens:

With the recent updates from the Centers for Diseases Control (CDC) about the spread of COVID-19, and the New Jersey Department of Health we want to reassure our staff, volunteers and visitors that your health and wellbeing is of the highest importance to us here at The Montclair Foundation/ Van Vleck House & Gardens.

Due to an abundance of concern we are following guidance from health authorities regarding the COVID-19 virus and as a result the Montclair Foundation/ Van Vleck House & Gardens has decided to cancel or postpone all programs and events here up through the end of March. At that time we will reassess future program cancellations that we will have posted on our website, as well as communicated through email. While we have decided to cancel or postpone the remainder of our educational programs and events here up through the end of March the garden grounds here will remain open to the public to enjoy.

For the betterment of our staff, tenants and visitors, we have implemented heightened cleaning and hygiene protocols throughout the property. COVID-19 still has many unknowns, however, and our understanding of it is developing day by day. Accordingly, the organization is devoting close, continued focus and attention to this matter. Given the dynamic nature of this situation, we ask for your help in maintaining the health and safety of all who work and visit Van Vleck House & Gardens. Practice good hygiene. Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly. Cover your nose and mouth if you need to sneeze or cough. And please stay home if you are sick!

Not surprisingly, a lot of misinformation and anxiety surrounds this situation. With that in mind, we urge you to base your judgments and decisions on fact-based information and recommendations from the CDC, the WHO and New Jersey's Department of Health.

Wishing you good health during these difficult and uncertain times.

Sincerely,

Charles Fischer
Executive Director