



## Icherisheher (Azerbaijan)

### Preemptive measures to protect staff, volunteers and the public

The Administration of the State Historical-Architectural Reserve Icherisheher has implemented several initiatives to overcome and mitigate the effects of the crisis caused by the coronavirus pandemic.

On 14 March 2020, the Administration announced that it had taken preemptive measures to protect staff, volunteers and the public against the rapidly evolving exposure to COVID-19 (Coronavirus) by temporarily closing all museums within its organizational structure to the public, and cancelling or postponing all public programming and events until further notice. Additionally, all museum shops, cafes and restaurants were closed. We are planning to discharge two month's rent to all our tenants (restaurant, shops etc.).

We are making constant announcements on the streets about the importance of following safety procedures. #Stay home, #Stay safe – this is the state's message to people in the continuing effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19. In order to support the government's efforts these hashtags were also highlighted on tour guide boxes within Icherisheher.

**Type of initiative:** Prevention and security

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### THE OWHC'S RESPONSE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC (COVID-19)

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