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Native American Studies Center Remains Closed to Public, Goes Virtual This Fall

After considering safety concerns related to the current spikes in COVID-19 cases, USC Lancaster's Native American Studies Center will remain closed to the public through fall instead of opening on Aug. 1, as previously announced.

"We regret this decision but feel confident that this is in the best interest of our students, faculty, staff and our patrons," said Center Archaeologist and Facilities Manager Chris Judge. "Over the next months we will monitor the situation and if conditions improve, we are prepared to open our doors to the public once again."

Judge says the Center is keeping in tandem with its sister facility located at USC Columbia, McKissick Museum, which also plans to remain closed to the public this fall.

Though the Center remains closed, plans are underway to go virtual with exhibits, the monthly W. Brent Burgin Lunch and Learn Lecture Series, the annual Artists-in-Residence program, and the 15th Annual Native American Studies Week, which is slated to take place the first week of November.

For more information, please visit the Center's website (www.sc.edu/Lancaster/NAS) and social media outlets for breaking news on virtual activities and programs.

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