



September 14, 2020

To: Lake County Health Director and Board of Supervisors  
From: The Gibson Museum Board of Directors

We appreciate the challenges you all have keeping our community safe. On July 17, the Gibson Museum closed for the second time after being open only 3 weeks with social distancing and masks since the announcement of Covid-19. Due to the repairs in the museum and Covid, we have not held regular hours since November 2019 which makes it very difficult to maintain local support and plan exhibits and events.

It is understandable that citizens must be protected and the State sets rules based on deaths in the county. However, in several counties, fatalities in convalescent facilities raise the number of deaths that negatively impacts changing levels for expanded openings. We are asking that the Health Director and the Board of Supervisors to consider requesting the multiple deaths at convalescent facilities not be included in the county totals to calculate future openings. These fatalities do not represent Covid in the general population, yet their fatalities can impact openings for the general population.

We look forward to being permitted to re-open the Gibson Museum.

Sincerely,  
Gibson Museum Board Chair, Voris Brumfield