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**Temporary closure of the Museum Barberini**

The health of the visitors and staff of the Museum Barberini is a top priority. The museum constantly checks the reports and recommendations of the competent authorities on Covid-19. The Museum Barberini would like to actively contribute to inhibiting the dynamic spread of the virus.

In order to protect guests and staff from potential infection, the Museum Barberini already severely restricted the number of available timed tickets last week. However, in light of the 2,500 to 3,000 visitors our large exhibition *Monet: Places* initially received, we cannot currently guarantee the recommended limit of no more than 500 to 1,000 visitors for cultural events. Therefore, the museum will close from Thursday, 12 March 2020, up to and including Tuesday, 17 March 2020. Online ticket sales will be suspended during this period. After reviewing the current situation, the museum will make a new decision on 17 March.

Tickets already booked for the exhibition and events at the Museum Barberini for the above-mentioned period will be fully refunded; further information will be published on the website shortly.

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