

## **AHM&HS COVID-19 Safety Measures – Level Clear Phase 2**

The Aurora History Museum & Historic Sites staff are eager to welcome visitors at the museum with reduced restrictions during the Level Clear Phase 2 under guidance by the [city of Aurora](#) and [Tri-County Health Department](#). Things may look more normal this year, but we will continue to take reasonable measures to make visiting the museum as safe as possible for you and your family or friends!

### **VISITOR PROTOCOLS**

Visitors are expected to adhere to our new protocols to help us in slowing the spread of COVID-19 as we move forward in the Level Clear Phase 2.

Pre-scheduled reservations for timed entry must be made either online or by phone. No more than fifty visitors will be allowed in the museum at any given time. Once checked in at the front desk, morning visitors may stay until 12:00 p.m. with the option to return after 1:00 p.m. Afternoon visitors may stay as late as 4:00 p.m.

The museum will close between noon and 1:00 p.m. so staff may perform extra cleaning/disinfecting duties to keep everyone safe. If you arrive early or if the door is locked please wait patiently for staff to greet you.

Before coming to the museum, we ask that our visitors perform a health assessment on themselves and any family members to determine if they are well enough to share a public space with others. Please visit Tri-County Health Department's webpage for a complete list of COVID-19 symptoms to check for.

We are encouraging mask use inside the museum to protect our at-risk and youngest museum visitors – those who are unable to have the COVID-19 vaccination due to health restrictions or age. With gratitude for your cooperation, we ask that you continue to wear your mask inside the museum for the safety of our fellow citizens. Fully-vaccinated visitors have the option to remove their masks. Museum staff will not check or ask for proof of vaccination. Masks are available at the front desk for visitors if needed.

Though 6-foot distancing is not currently required, we do recommend respecting the personal space of others. After a year of distance, resuming "normal" space bubbles will take a period of adjustment. Please be kind.

The Museum will provide hand sanitizer in areas with high contact points. Anti-bacterial soap will be available in restrooms. Please be vigilant in the use of these resources.

Access to the water fountain has been reopened. It will be cleaned daily. If you wish to have it cleaned with a solution of water and bleach immediately before you use it, please let front desk staff know.

Crayons, colored pencils and scissors are sanitized between uses and are available at the front desk to use in coloring activities in the Hands-On Room.

Onsite appointments to do archives or collections research will be unavailable until further notice.

### **STAFF PROTOCOLS**

All museum staff will take further precautions by doing the following:

Wearing a mask for your protection and theirs.

Adhering to social distancing guidelines.

Washing their hands and sanitizing, regularly.

Wearing gloves when handling any object that may be handled by visitors.

Sneeze guards are installed at the front desk in the lobby.

Staff will perform their own daily self-health assessments before they arrive onsite to work.

All front desk staff are trained on new public interaction protocols, including the following:

A no contact system for admission reservations is in place.

All museum store purchases require payment with a credit or debit card to be inserted or swiped by the customer to adhere to a no-contact payment system. Cash payments for store purchases will resume on June 27. Candy has temporarily been removed from the store to further decrease possible contact.

Increased cleaning/disinfecting of high contact areas occurs daily.