

## **AHM&HS COVID-19 Safety Measures**

The Aurora History Museum & Historic Sites staff are eager to welcome visitors back into the museum! Things may look a little different this year, but that is only because we are taking every possible measure to make returning to 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 reopening.

Pre-scheduled reservations for timed entry must be made either [online](#) or by phone. No more than ten visitors will be allowed in the museum at any given time.

The museum will close for a short time between each reserved time slot 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.](#) Museum Staff may read your temperature with a no-contact thermometer at their discretion to ensure no fever is present at check-in before entry.

Everyone on the premises over the age of ten years will be required to wear a face mask or face covering. Parents, custodians or caregivers are strongly encouraged to have their children between two (2) and ten (10) years old wear a face covering in accordance with CDC guidelines and Tri-County Healthy Department's recommendations.

Our lobby and galleries will have directional signage to control foot traffic. Please adhere to social distancing guidelines of maintaining a 6 foot distance from others outside of your immediate group.

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.

The water fountain has been turned off to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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 on site will perform daily self-health assessments.

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 will not be accepted until further notice. Candy has temporarily been removed from the store to further decrease possible contact.

Increased cleaning/disinfecting of high contact areas occurs regularly between groups of visitors.