



CLARK COUNTY
HISTORICAL MUSEUM

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CCHM Announces Reopening

New Business Days and Safety Measures in Effect

Vancouver, Wash. – After temporarily closing its doors in March to support community efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19, the Clark County Historical Museum announced it officially reopens with a special Members and Donors Only Days September 24-26. The Museum opens to the general public Thursdays - Saturdays beginning October 1.

Following Governor Jay Inslee's guidance, CCHM will operate at limited capacity while enacting new safety measures, including mask requirements, one-way paths through the galleries, and enhanced sanitizing and cleaning protocols. To help ensure public safety and prevent crowds, staggered entry will be implemented. Opening hours remain 11 am to 4pm, however, the museum will only be open Thursday thru Saturday.

"Since temporarily closing our doors in March for the safety of our community, the team has worked hard to continue providing programs and events virtually while planning for an eventual reopening." said CCHM Executive Director Brad Richardson. "This has forced us to rethink how we fulfill our mission to gather, save, and share the diverse stories of our community. I believe our team has risen to the challenge and I'm proud of what we have accomplished during this unprecedented time. While visitors will notice necessary changes to ensure a safe reopening, it is our goal to provide the same quality experience in a safe, accessible way."

Throughout the initial phase of reopening, indoor exhibits will be available with controlled attendance to allow for social distance between visitors. In each gallery, guests will arrive through one entrance and follow a guided path. Most interactive exhibits have been restructured to allow touchless operation with a few removed that could not be modified.

Enhanced cleaning has been implemented throughout the Museum, including increased frequency of disinfecting high-traffic surfaces. Hand sanitizer stations will also be available across the building. In accordance with state health mandates, staff and all visitors, will be required to wear face coverings. As recommended by public health officials, seniors and people with serious medical conditions, including those unable to wear a mask, should delay their visit or contact the museum prior to their visit to discuss reasonable accommodation options.

Group tours will not be permitted and events remain virtual through at least the end of the year. The Research Library and Brautigan Library will be available by reservation only. Reservations must be made no less than two weeks in advance by contacting the museum.

Visitors can find the most up-to-date information about CCHM's COVID response at cchmuseum.org/covid. For more information, contact the CCHM at 360-993-5679 or by email at outreach@cchmuseum.org.



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