

Willamette Heritage Center Covid-Related Protocol

Museum Opening

The WHC grounds and outdoor exhibits will be open to the public for free on Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The 5 ½ acre grounds allow for plenty of room to socially distance, have a picnic, or feed the ducks.

To maintain social distancing requirements in the indoor spaces of the museum, our indoor exhibits (the Historic Homes and the Thomas Kay Woolen Mill) will be open for self-guided tours on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. Admission vouchers can be purchased online one week in advance of a visit.

Tenants

Retail tenants:

Bella Hill and Teaselwick are open Tuesday through Saturday 11:00am to 4:00pm.

Restaurant:

Taproot: Old Mill Cafe is considering their options and will be open to the public when they feel it is safe to do so.

Other tenants:

Operating their businesses/services as they are able while also practicing safety protocols.

WHC (museum and event rentals) Opening Protocols

Capacity Control Limits

In order to prevent guest/staff congestion areas and reduce the potential for virus spread, WHC is using the recommended limits of indoor space with 6-foot social distancing maintained to the following capacity limitations:

Indoor Museum Spaces

1. Orientation Center - 5 people maximum (in the same group)
Tape will be placed on the floor in front of the Orientation Center desk to indicate 6 ft. distance.
2. Theatre – 5 people maximum
3. Houses – 5 people maximum (entrance will be staggered if there is more than one group or more than 5 people per group)
4. Mill Building – 5 people maximum (entrance will be staggered if there is more than one group or more than 5 people per group)

Event Rental Spaces

WHC will follow the guidelines set forth by Oregon Health Authority for event rental spaces. Please contact Meagan Morris, Event Reservations Manager, for more detailed information on individual rental spaces at meaganm@willametteheritage.org or 502-585-7012 ext. 227.

Currently, the WHC is following Marion County's Phased approach to safety guidelines.

Effective 9/1/2020, this will mean:

Marion County's Phase 2 – Based on max occupancy allowing for physical distancing, max 100 indoor, 250 people outdoor.

Spinning Room - Our largest event rental space is available for events under 100 during Phase 2.

Dye House - The second largest rental space is available for events under 60 during Phase 2.

Church - No more than 30 people (due to social distancing requirements of 6 ft b/t guests)

Grounds – Our lawn is available for events under 150 guests

Marion County's Phase 3 – Little information has been released about Phase 3 of Governor Brown's reopening plan. The phase will likely allow mass but will require a reliable treatment or vaccine to be available before any county will be eligible.

Sanitation Supplies

Sanitation supplies will be provided for all staff members, volunteers, and guests throughout the site.

1. Disposable Gloves & Hand Sanitizer will be available for guests:
 - a. Upon entering the museum
 - b. In each rental venue
 - c. In the elevator in the Mill Building
 - d. Admissions counter
 - e. Each bathroom around the site
2. Spray bottles with concentrated sanitizing spray mixed with water and wipes
 - a. On all tables around site with hand sanitizer and gloves
 - b. In all bathrooms around site
 - c. At front desk

General Sanitation Considerations

1. A hand-held, no-touch infrared thermal (temperature) reader for Admissions personnel to check all staff and guest temperatures upon entry.
2. Guests will be required to use masks while inside any building on site.
3. Guests will be asked to complete a survey upon entry to determine potential symptoms; guests will be asked to come back another day if they exhibit any symptoms.
4. Guests will be asked for contact information that WHC will share with Marion County Health Department for contact tracing only in the event it is necessary.
5. WHC has installed "Sneeze-Guards" at the Admissions desk counter.

6. There is a facility-wide, updated sanitizing protocol for 'high touch' surfaces in the museum (all entry door handles, Admissions desk surfaces, visitor benches, bathroom door handles and flush buttons/handles, etc.) above and beyond general cleaning. These protocols are to be completed each morning upon opening the site as well as mid-day.
7. Contactless check-in including disposable maps and a basket to return exhibit keys upon leaving the site that will be sanitized each night.