

COVID-19 Resources

The Collections Managers Committee cares about its members! We hope to provide you with a variety of resources to help navigate the days and weeks ahead as we all adjust to changes in schedules, work locations, and the world at large. Whether you are working from a laundry room at home or social distancing at the office, as you read through the following links and articles, remember to take some time every day to create, learn, and communicate.

-- Angela Pfeiffer, CMC Chair

Re-Opening Resources

GOVERNOR ABBOTT'S EXECUTIVE ORDER GA-18

On April 27 Governor Abbott announced the first phase of his plan to re-open Texas, which included museums. Museums are allowed to open at 25% capacity but all interactive exhibits are to remain closed. Below are resources to help make the decision on when to reopen:

[Executive Order GA-18](#)

[Executive Order GA-29](#)

[Texas Health & Human Services Health Protocols for Museums and Museum Visitors](#)

American Alliance of Museums

- [How to Get Ready to Open the Doors](#)
- [Considerations for Reopening Museums](#)
- [Preparing to Reopen](#)
- Webinar: [Looking Ahead: Sustainability Adding Value to Reopening](#) [6/24, 11am CST]
- [Security and Operational Priorities for Reopening Cultural Institutions](#)
- [Should my museum require staff and visitors to wear masks when we reopen?](#)
- [Diary of a Museum Reopening](#)
- [Leveraging Smartphone Technology to Protect Museum Visitors](#)
- [How Chinese Museums Closed and Reopened During COVID-19](#)
- Webinar: [The Successes & Struggles of Reopening Museums During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#) [7/28, 1pm CST, cap at 100 ppl]
- [Reopening Starter Kit for Museums](#)

Minnesota Historical Society

- [Enhanced Cleaning Guidance for COVID-19](#)

Northeast Document Conservation Center

- [Disinfecting Books and Other Collections](#)

National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, National Park Service

- Webinar: [COVID-19 Basics: Re-Entry to Cultural Sites](#)
- Webinar: [COVID-19 Basics: Disinfecting Cultural Resources](#)
- [Cultural Resources and COVID-19](#) brief

American Association for State and Local History

- Webinar: [AASLH Conversations: Planning for Reopening](#)
- Webinar: [AASLH Conversations: You Are Not Alone: Reopening Small to Mid- Sized Institutions](#) [5/15, 2pm CST]
- Webinar: [AASLH Conversations: Guidelines and Procedures for Reopening Your Historic Site](#) [5/20, 2pm CST]
- Sample Reopening Plans

Oklahoma Arts Council

- Operating During COVID-19: Considerations for Oklahoma Nonprofit Arts Organizations

Colleen Dilenschneider: Know Your Own Bone

- Know Your Own Bone has [several different articles](#) with statistics analyzing intentions to revisit cultural institutions.

Wilkening Consulting

- How are Museum-Goers Responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic Data Story
- When will Audiences Be Ready to Return to Museums? And What Will Help Them Feel Safe? Data Story
- Broader Population Concerns for Museums Data Story
- Museums and the Pandemic Summer Update Data Story

International Foundation for Cultural Property Protection

- Webinar: [Preparing for 'Return to Workplace' from Allied Universal](#)
- Webinar: [Security & Safety Considerations for Restaffing & Reopening our Cultural Institutions-Part 1: Preparing to Re-Engage](#)
- Webinar: [Brushing Up on Incident Command Protocols Prior to Reopening](#)
- Webinar: [Security & Safety Considerations for Restaffing & Reopening our Cultural Institutions-Part 2: Bringing Staff Back to the Workplace](#)
- Webinar: [Security & Safety Considerations for Restaffing & Reopening our Cultural Institutions-Part 3: Preparing to Reopen for Visitors](#)
- Webinar: [Security & Safety Considerations for Restaffing & Reopening our Cultural Institutions-Series Supplement: Facilities Restaffing Policies](#)
- Webinar: [Security & Safety Considerations for Restaffing & Reopening our Cultural Institutions-Part 4: Collections Protections, Conservation, and Maintenance Considerations](#)

Texas Historical Commission, Museum Services

- Webinar: [Museums Beyond Reopening: Thriving in Your New Normal](#) [5/27, 10am CST]

ArtNet News

- Article: ["The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston is the First Major Art Institution in the US to Re- open. Here's How They're Making it Work"](#)
- Article: ["Three Museum Directors Offer a Behind-the-Scenes Look at How They Are Tackling the Challenge of Reopening Their Institutions Post-Lockdown"](#)
- Article: ["How Should a Museum Reopen in a Post-COVID World? Here is Everything You Need to Know to Do it Safely, According to Experts"](#)

SMU DataArts

-Report: [How Arts and Cultural Organizations can Consider Adapting](#)

Texas Historical Commission, State Historic Sites

-[Texas Historical Commission State Historic Site Reopening Survey](#) (available until 6/15)

Studio Tectonic

-[Tips and Thoughts for Museums in a COVID World](#)

International Council of Museums

-[Museums and the end of Lockdown: Ensuring the Safety of the Public and Staff](#)

-Webinar: [Preparing for the Reopening of Museums](#)

-Webinar: [Impact, Innovations, and Planning for Post-Crisis](#)

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International Council of Museums Committee for University Museum and Collections

-Webinar: [UMAC Post-Lockdown Series: Reopening to the Public](#)

-Webinar: [UMAC Post-Lockdown Series: Reopening Collections](#)

Cuseum

-Webinar: [Preparing to Reopen: Experimenting with New Digital Revenue Streams to the Road to Reopening](#) [Requires you to enter an email address to access]

-Webinar: [Preparing to Reopen: Strategy, Planning & Process on the Road to Reopening Museums](#) [Requires you to enter an email address to access]

-Webinar: [Planning for Reopening after Coronavirus](#) [Requires you to enter an email address to access]

-Webinar: [Succeeding with Timed Ticketing as a Cultural Organization](#) [Requires you to enter an email address to access]

-Webinar: [Membership Monday: Re-engaging and Re-Welcoming Members after Coronavirus Closures](#) [Requires you to enter an email address to access]

-Webinar: [Reopening Museums & Cultural Attractions: Succeeding in the Post-COVID Era with Digital Tools](#) [Requires you to enter an email address to access]

-Webinar: [The Onsite Member Experience after Coronavirus Closures](#) [Requires you to enter an email address to access]

-Webinar: [The "Contactless" Future: Reimagining the Visitor Experience in the Era of Coronavirus](#) [Requires you to enter an email address to access]

Association of Midwest Museums

-Webinar: [Reopening Plans in Action, Session 2](#) [06/23, 10am CST]

Houston Arts Alliance

-[Return to Work online community conversation](#) [06/26, 12pm CST]

OCLC, Institute of Museum and Library Services, and Battelle

-Reopening Archives, Libraries, and Museums (REALM) Project Phase 1 [Results](#)

-REALM Project [Homepage](#)

-REALM Project Test 2 [Results](#)

-REALM Project Test 3 [Results](#)

-REALM Project Test 4 [Results](#)

Institutional, Administrative, and Financial Resources

National Endowment for the Humanities

NEH CARES: Cultural Organizations Grant Opportunity

- Applications are now open for emergency relief funding to institutions and organizations working in the humanities that have been impacted by COVID-19.
- Applications are due May 11, 2020
- More information can be found [here](#)
- [NEH CARES Info Session Video](#)

National Endowment for the Arts

[NEA Receives \\$75 Million through CARES Act.](#)

- The NEA will award funds to nonprofit arts organizations across the country to help these entities and their employees endure the economic hardships caused by COVID-19. Part Two of application process is due from April 27-May 4. Application guidelines can be found [here](#).

Institute of Museum and Library Services

- [COVID-19 Resources for Libraries and Museums](#)
- [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Updates](#)
- [IMLS CARES Act Grants for Museums and Libraries](#) [Application due June 12]
- [IMLS CARES Act Grants for Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum and Library Services](#) [Application due June 12]

Humanities Texas

- [Relief Grant](#) applications are now open
- Humanities Texas's [regular grant program](#) is at the ready to help institutions transition to digital programming and online resources

U.S. Small Business Administration

- [Paycheck Protection Program](#): Resumed accepting applicants on July 6th, new deadline is August 8th.
- [Express Bridge Loan Pilot Program](#): This pilot program allows SBA Express Lenders authority to deliver expedited SBA-guaranteed financing on an emergency basis for disaster-related purposes to eligible small businesses, while the small businesses apply for and await long-term financing.
- [Economic Injury Disaster Loan Emergency Advance](#): On June 15th SBA began accepting new Economic Injury Disaster Loan and EIDL Advance applications
- [SBA Debt Relief](#)

Texas Historical Commission [Museum Services](#)

- Archived Recent Webinar: [COVID-19 Resources for Texas Museums](#)
- List of webinars addressing [COVID-19](#)

American Alliance of Museums

- COVID-19 Resources & Information for the Museum Field
- Using Scenarios to Plan your Museum's COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Response
- Reviewing Staff Policies and Administrative Concerns
- Preparing for Closures
- Boards and Directors Leading Through the Challenges (Note: Scroll down to see the list)
- Preparing for Business Continuity list of resources (Note: Scroll down to see the list)
- Financial Relief and Resources
- Three New Scenarios for Financial Survival in 2020
- Maintaining Financial Stability list of resources (Note: scroll down to see the list)
- Maintaining Museum Excellence in the time of COVID-19
- Centering Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, and Inclusion
- Webinar: Post-COVID: VR for your space [6/10, 3pm CST]
- Advocacy Alert: Congress to Consider Pandemic Relief Funding and FY2021 Appropriations
- 2020 Special Membership for furloughed or laid off museum professionals
- How Might Museums Look Different after the Pandemic?
- Supporting Museum Professionals During a Time of Need
- Reinventing Museums: Pandemic Disruption as an Opportunity for Change
- Staying in Touch: Addressing Concerns to Allow Tactile Exploration at Museums-
- Advocacy Alert: Urge Congress to Support Emergency Funding for Museums Impacted by COVID-19
- Webinar: Mourning at a Distance: Grief and Memorialization During COVID-19 [10/8, 8am CST]
- United States May Lose One-third of All Museums, New Survey Shows
- From In-Person to Virtual Programs: A Case Study of Challenges & Successes

American Association for State and Local History

- COVID-19 Resources for History Organizations
- COVID-19 Resources
- Webinar: AASLH Conversations: Planning for an Uncertain Financial Future
- Webinar: AASLH Conversations: Planning for an Uncertain Financial Future, Part Two
- Webinar: AASLH Conversations: Local Advocacy Matters [5/7 2pmCST/3pmEST]
- Online Course: Financial Structures and Strategies [May 26 - June 22, 2020; \$150 members and \$250 nonmembers]
- Webinar: AASLH Conversations: Leadership, Boards, and the COVID-19 Crisis
- Webinar: AASLH Conversations: Transforming Museum Work After COVID-19 [5/13, 2pm CST]
- Webinar: AASLH-NCPH Conversation: Digital Internships [5/12, 2pm CST]
- Webinar: AASLH Conversations: Working with Your Board During a Crisis [6/10, 2pm CST]

MuseumStudy

- FREE COURSE Cultural Institution Crisis Response

American Institute for Conservation

- Collections Care Amid COVID-19

Association of Children's Museums

- ACM Resources to Help Guide Your Museum's Response to Coronavirus
- COVID-19 Resources for Children's Museums

Institute of Museum and Library Services

- COVID-19 Resources for Libraries and Museums
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Updates

Americans for the Arts

- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resource and Response Center

International Council of Museums

- Webinar: Coronavirus (COVID-19) and museums: impact, innovations, and planning post-crisis (Note: ICOM has made the recording of the webinar public)
- Museums and COVID-19: 8 Steps to support community resilience
- Ensuring Cultural Heritage Security During a Lockdown
- ICOM Brazil-Recommendations Facing the COVID-19 Outbreak
- Museum, Museum professionals and COVID-19 Report

Association of Art Museum Directors

- Museums and COVID-19

Wilkering Consulting

- Do Audiences Want Virtual Content from Museums? Data Story
- Museums are Struggling Financially. Do People Know? Will They Support Us? Data Story

New England Museum Association

- Information for the Museum Field on the COVID-19/Coronavirus
- Museum Coronavirus Impact Survey Closes 4/28/2020

Association of Science and Technology Centers

- Science Centers & COVID-19

Association of Zoos & Aquariums

- COVID-19 Resources

Museum Computer Network

- The Ultimate Guide to Virtual Museum Resources, E-Learning, and Online Collections

Alberta Museums Association

- Managing Your Museum's Pandemic Response, Part 2: Workers and Employers

Smithsonian Cultural Rescue Initiative

- COVID-19 Resource HUB

International Foundation for Cultural Property Protection

- COVID-19 Resources
- Webinar: Proprietary and Contract Security Management During Closures
- Webinar: Conducting Site and Facility Patrols & Inspections During Closures
- Webinar: Securing Your Institution During Current Closures

Museum Works Speak

- Museum Works Relief Fund

ArtNet News

- Article: "By Redeploying her Staff in Some Ingenious New Ways, the Director of Texas's Blanton Museum Has Managed to Avoid Job Cuts Entirely"

International Council of Museums Committee for University Museum and Collections

- Webinar: UMAC Post-Lockdown Series: Lockdown Lessons: Going Digital [6/19, 11am.]
Advanced registration required, contact UMAC Secretary Wenja Qiu at secretary@umac.icom.museum.]
- Webinar: UMAC Post-Lockdown Series: Lockdown Lessons: The Near Future [7/3, 11am.]
Advanced registration required, contact UMAC Secretary Wenja Qiu at secretary@umac.icom.museum.

National Council for Public History

- COVID-19 Survey for Public Historians

National Public Radio

- So Much for "Please Touch," After COVID-19, Kid's Museums will be Less Hands-On

Resources for Collections Management and COVID-19

National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, National Park Service

- Webinar: COVID-19 Basics: Disinfecting Cultural Resources
- Webinar: COVID-19 Basics: Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Webinar: COVID-19 Basics: Re-Entry to Cultural Sites
- Cultural Resources and COVID-19 brief

Accessibility and Disability Sections, Society of American Archivists

- Archivists at Home

Institute of Museum and Library Services

- Mitigating COVID-19 When Managing Paper-Based, Circulating, and Other Types of Collections (Note: Does require you to "register" in order to watch.)

Coordinated Statewide Emergency Preparedness Massachusetts

- Public Health Emergencies: COVID-19

American Association for State and Local History

- Field Services Alliance Tips: Collections Care During COVID-19
- Webinar: Insurance Best Practices
- Webinar: AASLH Conversations: Deaccessioning in a Recession? Why and Why not [5/21, 2pm CST]

Museums Association

- COVID-19: The Ethics of Contemporary Collecting
- How Can Museums Protect Their Collections During the Lockdown?

American Alliance of Museums

- Reviewing Cleaning and Collections Care Policies
- Keeping Your Collections Safe During the Crisis

Collections Stewardship Professional Network, American Alliance of Museums

- COVID-19 (coronavirus) Resources for the Museum Field: Steps for Collections Professionals

Minnesota Historical Society

- Enhanced Cleaning Guidance for COVID-19

Southeastern Registrars Association

- COVID-19 Resources

Library of Congress

- The Impact of Hand Sanitizers on Collection Materials

Northeast Document Conservation Center

- Disinfecting Books and Other Collections

Alberta Museums Association

- Managing Your Museum's Pandemic Response: Activating Your Emergency Response

Connecting to Collections Care, Foundation for Advancement in Conservation

- Archived Facebook Live Event: Collections Care in the Age of COVID-19

Conservation Center for Art & Historic Artifacts

- Collection Housekeeping Guide

International Council of Museums

- Recommendations for the Conservation of Museum Collections

Canadian Association for Conservation of Cultural Property, Canadian Conservation Institute

- Caring for Heritage Collections during the COVID-19 Pandemic

MuseumStudy

- Online Course: Assessing Risk to Cultural Property 1 [Starts 5/4/2020; \$400]

- Online Course: [Assessing Risk to Cultural Property 2](#) [Starts 10/5/2020; \$400; Assessing Risk to Cultural Property 1 is a prerequisite]
- Online Course: [Keeping Historic Houses and Museums Clean](#) [Starts 7/6/2020; \$400]
- Online Course: [Collections Emergencies: Preparedness to Resilience](#) [Starts 7/6/2020; \$400]

American Institute for Conservation, Foundation for Advancement in Conservation

- [Collections Care Amid COVID-19](#)
- [Risk Evaluation and Planning Program \(REPP\)](#)

National Preservation Institute

- [Response to COVID-19 and NPI Training Survey](#)

International Foundation for Cultural Property Protection

- Webinar: [Security's Role in Protecting Collections](#)

National Park Service

- [COVID-19 Exhibitory Cleaning Guidance](#)

Cuseum

- Webinar: [Small but Mighty: Navigating the New Normal as a Small or Mid-Sized Museum](#) Requires you to enter an email address to access]

Reopening/Sanitization Supplies and Materials List

**Links to vendors is not an endorsement but merely sharing of information of where products and materials can be purchased. If you want to share what products your museum is using please [e-mail Elizabeth](#).

Electronics and Touchscreens

Sanitization

Apple Products: [Use 70% isopropyl alcohol wipe or Clorox Wipe](#)

Elo Touchscreens: [<70% isopropyl alcohol wipe, Clorox Wipes, or several others](#)

Historic Homes

Sanitization

Painted surfaces, door knobs, handrails: [Water and mild soap solution](#) (Ivory Liquid Soap or [Orvus WA Paste](#))

Brick surfaces: [Clean with water and mild soap solution then disinfect with isopropyl alcohol](#) Objects on Open Display: [Do NOT sanitize. Isolate object with stanchions](#)

Non-Historic Exhibit Materials

Sanitization

Handrails, doorknobs, benches and chairs, reading rails: [Orvus WA Paste](#) or [Seventh Generation All-Purpose Cleaner-Free and Clear](#) (Source)

High-Touch Plastics (Children Areas)

Sanitization

Ozone Sanitization Cabinets

Online Exhibits or Tours Platforms/Software

Omeka: open source, online platform

nCell: mobile app, various pricings

GooseChase: digital scavengar hunts

TaleBlazer: digital games