

...to connect with the past by engaging today's visitor through personal perspectives of the Civil War and the American West.

(Corsicana, Texas) The Pearce Museum and officials from Navarro College are following guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to prevent the spread of Covid-19. With Governor's Abbotts recent announcement that museums may open beginning May 1 (Open Texas), the staff at the Pearce has been working diligently to make sure we provide a safe environment for staff, volunteers, and visitors. The following guidelines will be updated frequently.

Our new hours of operations are Monday-Friday: 10am-4pm; closed Saturday, Sunday and Select Holidays. These hours are subject to change.

The staff are required to symptom check and have their temperature checked before they enter the museum.

- Any visitor entering the museum MUST symptom check before entering. If you are feeling sick or have any of the following symptoms listed below, stay home!
  - Cough
  - Sore throat
  - Shortness of breath
  - o Chills
  - Muscle pain
  - Headache
  - Loss of taste or smell
  - o Diarrhea
  - Feeling feverish or measured temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit
  - O Known close contact with a person who is lab confirmed to have Covid-19

Employees, contractors, or volunteers with new or worsening signs or symptoms listed above to return to work until:

- In the case of an employee, contractor, or volunteer who was diagnosed with COVID-19, the individual may return to work when all three of the following criteria are met: at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery (resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications); and the individual has improvement in symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and at least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared; or
- In the case of an employee, contractor, or volunteer who has symptoms that could be COVID-

19 and does not get evaluated by a medical professional or tested for COVID-19, the individual is assumed to have COVID-19, and the individual may not return to work until the individual has completed the same three-step criteria listed above; or

- If the employee, contractor, or volunteer has symptoms that could be COVID-19 and wants to return to work before completing the above self-isolation period, the individual must obtain a medical professional's note clearing the individual for return based on an alternative diagnosis. Do not allow an employee, contractor, or volunteer with known close contact to a person who is lab-confirmed to have COVID-19 to return to work until the end of the 14-day self-quarantine

## Face Masks, Social Distancing, Cleaning & Signage

- Visitors should wear masks if possible. If resources allow, masks will be provided to a visitor if they do not have a mask.
- Social distancing will be utilized. Maintain at least 6 feet separation from individuals not in the safe household or visiting the museum together.
- o Staff are required to wear masks at all times, unless they are in their offices.
- Staff and volunteers will be properly trained on cleaning and disinfecting commonly used areas.
- Wash or sanitize hands before entering the museum (Cook Center), and after interaction with employees, visitors, or after handling items.
- o Staff members will wipe down door handles, counters, benches, restrooms etc., multiple times throughout the day.
- o Signage about social distancing has been placed throughout the museum.

## Gift Shop

- O Temperatures may be taken in Gift Shop.
- o The Gift Shop will be open, if possible, please use a credit card to prevent handling of money; cardholder will be disinfected in between each transaction.
- o Plexi glass has been installed in the Gift Shop to minimize contact between the staff member and visitors.

## Galleries

- Oue to the highly interactive nature of The Hunter-Gatherers of the Blackland Prairie Gallery, it will be closed until further notice; all other galleries will be open.
- Do not touch any of the displays in the Civil War Gallery or artwork in the Western Art Gallery.
- o All seats in the lobby will be removed.
- o After each showing of the introductory Civil War movie, seats will be sanitized before the next use.
- We are currently not booking any groups until July.

Center for Disease Control: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/index.html">https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/index.html</a>

Texas Department of State Health Services: <a href="https://www.dshs.texas.gov/">https://www.dshs.texas.gov/</a>

Office of the Texas Governor, Greg Abbott: <a href="https://gov.texas.gov">https://gov.texas.gov</a>
Navarro College: <a href="https://www.navarrocollege.edu/covid-19/">https://www.navarrocollege.edu/covid-19/</a>