

*…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 as needed.

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

**Effective, Wednesday, May 19th, 2021, the Pearce Museum at Navarro College will no longer require visitors to fill out a pre-screening forms or wear masks, you may wear a mask for personal preference.**

**Face Masks, Social Distancing, Cleaning & Signage**

* **Social distancing will be utilized. Maintain at least 6 feet separation from individuals not in the safe household or visiting the museum together.**
* Staff are required to wear masks at all times.
* 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.**
* Staff members will wipe down door handles, counters, benches, restrooms etc., multiple times throughout the day.
* Signage about social distancing has been placed throughout the museum.

**Gift Shop**

* Temperatures may be taken in Gift Shop.
* 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.
* Plexi glass has been installed in the Gift Shop to minimize contact between the staff member and visitors.

**Galleries**

* The Hunter-Gatherers of the Blackland Prairie Gallery is open! After every visitor, the gallery will be wiped down with disinfecting wipes or sprayed with disinfecting spray.
* Pencils will be provided at the beginning of your visit at the Pearce; the pencils will be used to touch frequently touched surfaces i.e., buttons, screens etc.
* If we have more than one family in the museum, we will make every effort to make sure the families are not in the same space at any given time.
* Do not touch any of the displays in the Civil War Gallery or artwork in the Western Art Gallery.
* After each showing of the Pearce Introductory, Civil War Introductory and Medical tent videos, the seats will be sprayed down by the staff.
* We are currently booking groups. For more information call us at 903-875-74737.

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

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

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