HEMINGWAY BIRTHPLACE MUSEUM PHASE 4 REOPENING PROTOCOLS

The Ernest Hemingway Foundation of Oak Park is following Restore Illinois plan. As such we are committed to the health and well being of our visitors, staff, and volunteers. Below are the initiatives we are taking to keep everyone safe at the Hemingway Birthplace Museum.

PERSONAL PROTECTION

• **Ticket and gift shop purchases are credit card only.** No cash transactions will be accepted to minimize touch points. Guests will scan their own credit cards. No one else will touch the guest’s credit card.
• **Staff, volunteers, and guests must wear facemasks.** Entry will not be allowed without a mask. Masks may be obtained at the museum location for a small charge, please note these masks are non-medical grade and do not guarantee the impossibility of disease transmission.

SOCIAL DISTANCING

• We have reduced the size of our tour groups to eight persons per tour.
• Prior to your tour appointment, we are requesting all visitors await entry on our spacious outdoor front porch. A docent will meet and greet you outside at the appointed time to guide you through the museum.
• We have adjusted our tour route through the museum to help visitors maintain physical distancing. Proper spacing intervals between guests is observed throughout our museum to help visitors maintain physical distancing.
• We are limiting the number of people allowed inside our Museum gift shop area at one time.

CLEANING PROCEDURES

• We have implemented increased cleaning and sanitation practices in all our spaces. Frequent touch surfaces and our public restrooms will be disinfected regularly during the day.
• A hand sanitizer station will be conveniently located at our entryway/lobby.

Visitors can help us keep everyone safe by following physical distancing recommendations, complying with directional signage, practicing good personal hygiene, and following directions from museum staff and volunteers.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is a contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, guests with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. By visiting our museum, you voluntarily assume all risks related to COVID-19 exposure.