



MUSEUM OF THE ALEUTIANS

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COVID-19 Mitigation Plan

The Museum of the Aleutians (MOTA) prioritizes the safety and health of our employees and the public and to do our part in mitigating the spread of the COVID-19 (SARS-CoV-2) virus. Our mitigation plan establishes how we will reopen and the methods we will employ to maintain the health of visitors, volunteers, and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic. We are following guidelines from the U.S. Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as well as the State of Alaska and City of Unalaska mandates and guidelines. Our COVID-19 Mitigation Plan, presented here, is subject to change based on further information provided by the CDC and federal, state, and local public officials. We may amend this plan as needed and is expected to change relative to the progression of the virus.

We will begin our Phase III plan to re-open on **July 7, 2020**.

Public Accommodations and Restrictions:

1. We will limit the number of visitors in the building to 3 family groups or 3 individuals, in order to provide for physical distancing to following City of Unalaska and State of Alaska health mandates. We will take timed ticket reservations by email museumofthealeutians@gmail.com or phone 907-581-5150. Walk-ins will be accommodated if we are not past our capacity. If we are, walk-ins will be asked to come back with a reserved time-slot. Staff are not included in the calculation of maximum occupancy. Parties limited to household members only.
2. Visitors will be screened upon entry, which will include a temperature reading and a form
3. Appropriate face coverings are required for all visitors. Children under the age of three should not wear face covering. (For special consideration, please contact the director).
4. Social/physical distancing of six feet or more between individuals and household groups should be maintained.
5. A “sneeze guard” is installed at the front desk to allow for increased separation when distancing is not possible.
6. Behind-the-scenes collections tours will remain unavailable at this time and no in-person museum programs will occur during Phase III.
7. Restrooms will be closed to the Public
8. Water Fountains will be unavailable to the Public
9. Sanitizing stations are placed at the entrances and common spaces
10. High Risk populations are encouraged to stay home (employees and customers)
11. Visitors and Employees will maintain 6-foot distance when entering and exiting the Museum
12. Contactless payment and electronic receipts as much as possible
13. Signage at the entrances stating that individuals with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 may not enter.
14. Signage about accessibility of sanitizing stations, requirement of face coverings for all visitors and employees

The MOTA Gift Shop will comply with state and municipal guidelines for retail, including

1. Limited numbers of individuals or family groups in the store
2. Employees and customers must adhere to the 6-foot physical distancing protocols
3. Employees and customers shall wear face coverings.
4. Frequent hand washing by employees and adequate supply of soap, disinfectant, hand sanitizer, and paper towels are available on site
5. Hand sanitizer publicly available for customers
6. Gloves available to customers for shopping in the store
7. Hourly touch-point sanitization of workstations, equipment, screens, doorknobs
8. Items being returned or dropped off must be sanitized by staff prior to restocking or making the item available to other employees or customers
9. Signature-less purchases and electronic receipts as much as possible

Hygiene and Cleaning

1. Staff and volunteers will wash hands, frequently
2. Prior to opening each day, staff will clean surfaces in the gallery and stores
3. Between timed ticket slots, staff will sanitize high-touch surfaces (exhibit panels, door handles, front desk counter, etc.)
4. Anyone who has symptoms of COVID-19 cannot enter in accordance with City of Unalaska and State of Alaska health mandates.

Employees and Volunteers Responsibilities

MOTA is asking all employees and volunteers to help with our prevention efforts which includes wearing face coverings in common spaces, practicing social/physical distancing, and other best practices at the Museum. Employees are expected to report to their supervisors if they are experiencing signs or symptoms of COVID-19. Employees are expected to wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds; avoid touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands; practice appropriate respiratory etiquette (i.e. covering mouth and nose when sneezing or coughing); and avoid close contact with people who are sick. Employees must familiarize themselves with the symptoms of COVID-19 which include coughing, fever, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing; and early symptoms such as chills, body aches, sore throat, headache, diarrhea, nausea/vomiting, and runny nose.

If an employee develops a fever or symptoms of respiratory illness, such as cough or shortness of breath, they cannot go to work or access the building and will contact their supervisor as well as their healthcare provider right away. If an employee comes into contact with someone showing these symptoms, they will contact their supervisor or healthcare provider right away. In both cases, employee will follow CDC guidelines.

If a staff member or volunteer is confirmed to have COVID-19, the Museum will follow CDC guidance for businesses and employers responding to COVID-19:

<https://www.cdc/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>



A hard copy of this COVID-19 Mitigation Plan is available during business hours at the Museum of the Aleutians. Any questions, comments, and suggestions about this plan or its future versions should be directed to Virginia Hatfield, Executive Director, (907) 581-5150, virginiahatfield@aleutians.org

Hours of operation: Tuesday through Saturday, 11-4

Reserve timed ticket by

email museumofthealeutians@gmail.com

or phone 907-581-5150 for:

- 11:00-12:00
- 12:15-13:15
- 13:30-14:30
- 14:45-15:45

Visitors must wear masks and fill out the COVID-19 screening form.

Galleries: open for 1 person/family group per gallery, 3 people/family groups total in building, excluding staff and volunteers.

Store: Visitors maintain social distancing in store, where gloves (provided by the Museum) for browsing and handling store items, practice social distancing.

