# ST. CLAIR COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY COVID-19 PANDEMIC REOPENING PLAN

#### **NOTES**

- 1. This plan is based on the phases outlined in the plan entitled, "Restore Illinois," released by the Illinois Department of Public Health and Governor JB Pritzker on May 5, 2020. For a complete copy of that plan, visit coronavirus.illinois.gov.
- 2. Progress through the five phases is based on spread, containment, and treatment of COVID-19 in our region. The exact timing of this progress may change, but the plan calls for a minimum of 28 days to elapse between phases. For the specific guidelines, visit coronavirus.illinois.gov.
- 3. For the purposes of this plan, and the executive orders released in March and April, our museums are considered, "places of public amusement." This group of businesses includes museums, theaters, galleries, arcades, and other such businesses.
- 4. This plan is subject to change based of prevailing recommendations from local, state, and federal public health officials.

## Phase 2: Flattening (Current Phase as of 5/18/2020)

- Non-essential businesses are closed.
- Employees are required to work from home except for minimum business operations (security, basic maintenance).
- Gatherings of any size are not allowed.

#### **Phase 3: Recovery**

- Non-essential businesses may reopen, but this does not include places of public amusement.
  - During this phase, we will continue to operate as we have since closing the museums on 3/13/2020.
  - We will begin preparing the museum to reopen by cleaning and reorganizing the rooms after the installation of the blinds, which took place in May.
- Gatherings of 10 people or fewer are allowed, but with social distancing measures in place (6' between people, masks to be worn by all, hand sanitizer available, high-tech surfaces sanitized after use).
  - o Committees may meet at the museums if the above guidelines are followed.

#### **Phase 4: Revitalization**

- All non-essential businesses may reopen with enhanced public health measures.
  - The museum will open to visitors by appointment only.
    - Appointments to be made at least 72 hours in advance.
    - No groups of more than 10 people.
    - All visitors and staff will wear face coverings.
    - Social distancing continues.
    - Sanitizing of high-contact surfaces and restrooms on a daily basis.
- Gatherings of 50 people or fewer are allowed if recommended social distancing and other public health measures can be maintained.
  - Even with this allowance, no large group or school tours will be scheduled.
  - o If Museum Open House Day (scheduled for 10/3/2020) falls during this phase, it will be subject to the capacity restrictions and safety measures outlined above. Serious consideration will be given to cancelling this event.

### Phase 5: Illinois Restored

- All businesses may fully reopen with new safety procedures in place.
  - The museum will be open to visitors without an appointment.
  - Large group tours may be scheduled; school tours will depend on ongoing restrictions.
  - Museum Aides resume regular duties with special precautions for at-risk individuals.
  - o Regular cleaning of facilities with particular attention to high-contact surfaces.
- Large events involving 50 or more people may resume.