

Welcome back to the Herrett Center for Arts and Science!

We, the staff and management of the Herrett Center, value the wellbeing of everyone in our community, and have thus developed the following plan to help keep the public, staff, and volunteers safe during this time:

Personal Protection

- The Herrett Center asks that patrons visit only if they are well. Please do not visit if you have a fever, cough, sore throat, or any other Covid-19 symptoms.
- All patrons (over two years old) are required to wear a face mask/covering when visiting the Herrett Center. Staff and volunteers are required to wear face masks when engaging closely with the public.
- Dedicated entrances and exits have been clearly marked.
- The Herrett Center has hand-sanitizing stations throughout the museum.
- A Plexiglas screen has been installed at the front desk. We ask patrons to stand in front of the screen, rather than to the side, when interacting with front desk staff.
- Signage has been placed throughout the Herrett Center to remind patrons to continue to social distance and practice safe hygiene. We ask patrons to pay close attention to signage throughout the building.
- Our disinfection regimen now includes a hydrogen peroxide atomizer spray system applied to high-touch surfaces when patrons are not present.

Crowd Limitations and Social Distancing.

- Planetarium shows and Reptile Revues are limited to 50 patrons to allow for social distancing.
- We ask that no more than six patrons at a time shop in the Herrett Center Store to allow for social distancing.
- The total number of patrons in the building is currently not limited, although we reserve the right to limit patron numbers as we deem necessary.

Exhibit and Program Modifications

- Some hands-on exhibit components, interactive touch screens, and other “high touch” experiences have been removed, turned off, or made inaccessible.
- The Faulkner Planetarium has reduced seating to allow for social distancing and to allow for cleaning and disinfecting between shows.
- The Centennial Observatory is open to one small group at a time in accordance with health and safety recommendations.
- Story Time will continue with social distancing seating without hands-on activities. A coloring page will be provided for attendants to take home.
- Reptile Revue will allow limited hands-on interaction with our reptiles only, with a greater emphasis on a lecture-based presentation. Patrons will have a chance to see reptiles more closely and ask staff and volunteers questions while maintaining social distancing practices.

Cleaning Procedures

- The Herrett Center has enhanced cleaning procedures in all spaces, including frequent cleaning and disinfecting of “high-touch” areas.
- Planetarium seats are disinfected using a hydrogen peroxide atomizer spray system.