

Welcome back to the Herrett Center for Arts and Science!

The Herrett Center will open its doors to the public June 23.

The Herrett Center takes the safety of its patrons seriously and we have developed a plan to help keep the public, staff, and volunteers safe during this time. Here are some of the safety measures we are implementing:

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 symptoms.
- Patrons are highly encouraged 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 more 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.

Crowd Limitations and Social Distancing.

- Planetarium shows and Reptile Revues will be limited to 50 patrons to allow for social distancing.
- We ask that no more than six patrons shop in the Herrett Center gift shop at a time to allow for social distancing.
- At this time, the Herrett Center is not limiting attendance into the building, although we reserve the right to limit the number of patrons as we deem necessary.

Exhibit and Program Modifications

- Hands-on exhibition components, interactive touch screens, and other “high touch” experiences will be removed, turned off, or made inaccessible.
- The Faulkner Planetarium has reduced seating to allow for social distancing and a reduced number of shows for the summer to allow for cleaning and disinfecting between shows.
- The Centennial Observatory will not be open to the public at this time in order to follow health and safety procedures.
- Summer 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 not have a hands-on component. For the time being, Reptile Revue will, be more lecture-based. 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 disinfection of “high-touch” areas.
- Planetarium seats will be disinfected between shows.