

As we prepare to reopen the Chilliwack Museum and Archives on July 6th, the safety of our visitors, volunteers, and staff is our top priority. Through responsible choices, our visitors play a critical role in helping us minimize potential risks to ensure a positive experience for all. We're looking forward to welcoming you back!

What we're doing to keep you safe:

- Limiting visitor numbers (maximum occupancy of 15 visitors at a time at the Museum and 8 visitors or 3 family units at a time at the Archives).
- Encouraging physical distancing with signage, spacing 'dots', and route markers.
- Providing a physical barrier at our front counter space.
- Limiting all hands-on, interactive elements to limit visitor contact in our galleries.
- Cleaning display cases on a regular basis throughout the day.
- Providing substantial access to hand sanitizer and hand washing facilities.
- Increasing cleaning and disinfecting throughout our facilities.

What we're asking of our guests:

- Stay home if you are not feeling well.
- You are encouraged to bring your own face mask, if available. The Museum and Archives will not be providing masks to visitors
- Wash your hands, for at least 20 seconds, regularly during your visit.
- Avoid touching your face, and cover coughs or sneezes with a tissue or your elbow.
- Please keep all personal items, bags, coats and backpacks with you at all times.
- Keep your family unit together when walking through the Museum and keep children within reach. Explore the galleries by following marked routes.
- Please be patient. Don't crowd around exhibits. Practise physical distancing keeping 2 metres away from others, and please wait your turn.
- No outside food or drink are permitted in the Museum or Archives.
- Book appointments for archival research and donations by calling Tristan 604.795.5210 ex.104 (masks are required for research and donation appointments).
- Book appointments for curatorial donations by calling Anna 604-795-5210 ex. 105 (masks are required for donation appointments).

What is open?

- Museum galleries are open, with restrictions on # of visitor capacity and physical distancing restrictions in place.
- Archives are open by appointment only, with restrictions on # of visitor capacity and physical distancing restrictions in place.
- Museum gift shop is open, (<https://shop.chilliwackmuseum.ca/>) with restrictions on # of visitor capacity and physical distancing restrictions in place; we encourage the use of contactless payment rather than cash.

What is closed?

- We are not offering rentals of the Chambers Gallery, educational or public programs, school trips, group visits or outreach programs currently.
- Please see our website www.chilliwackmuseum.ca for our online activities.

Our goal is to make your visit at the Chilliwack Museum and Archives comfortable and safe. We hope you will enjoy being back and connecting with Chilliwack's history. The safety of all visitors and staff is our top priority. We are closely monitoring the situation and will determine if additional precautions are needed.

The Government of BC's information on preventing the spread of Coronavirus is available in multiple languages at <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-feature/coronavirus-disease-covid-19>.