

One thing our team is doing is we are looking at some appointment-only access for our gallery and reading room.

We have to stop access to biofacts and the use of carts. All staff have to assist with cleaning.

Our Public health told us not to have tour guides, because the tour guides would be exposed to multiple vectors.

Ideas about historic house tours? I am thinking call ahead family group only tours or couples only tours at scheduled times. Such a small space, so social distancing will be difficult when walking through rooms, but I think I can stay 6 feet away at all times, and the group can stick together. Thoughts? Ideas?

We are trying to figure out seating in front of our stage. I've read chairs must be 6 feet apart. I've also heard that 3 square feet was the standard. We are trying to figure out how this would work, considering some attendees will be couples - and, I think, they won't care if they sit next to each other!

I would highly recommend getting a public health official out to talk to you and your staff if you haven't already.

Group distancing is something challenging us at the railroad. Plan to use alternate seat rows but this will be tough for family groups

for those you in DuPage county, the health department will be answering these detailed questions for us in our KDRMA bi-weekly meeting Tuesday at 3pm, you can find the invite KDRMA Konversations

we have been hosting pop up food pantries which has introduced our space to a lot of new people a local church gathers the food and then delivers it to us, we bring in volunteers (over the weekend we got elected officials who have never in our gallery) to come help us pack up boxes and then we gave out 100 yesterday afternoon, we've done 3 rounds so far in conjunction with partners, our school had to close their regular ones because of restrictions so it was perfect we could be flexible and host

In Champaign County you can invite the Director of Public Health to your facility, and she or the assistant will actually tour with you and talk over your list of questions. It allayed a lot of fears for us.

It's also a good time to ask your audiences what they want to attend or do. This is changing often as reopening shifts the landscape, school ends, etc. Put together a quick survey and put it out to your newsletter and/or social media.

We have taken a lesson from Goodwill and asked people to round up when they pay.

Even if you don't charge for online programming, be sure to provide a link to donate before and after the event.

We've had some success using a free service called StreamYard to stream to multiple social media platforms at the same time and to stream live to our Facebook page with multiple people at the same time.

Be sure to promote how well you are following health guidelines, too.

Our front desk manager has called his volunteers, in addition to the what the volunteer director is doing to communicate with volunteers.

One thing we encountered was making sure the other places our volunteers are volunteering need to be taking the right precautions. Make sure your volunteers are mindful of CDC guidelines so that should they encounter a risky situation elsewhere they can take respond accordingly and keep a possible infection elsewhere from entering your facility.

it's also a vital time to make sure you have inclusion policies and are working on DEAI work when our communities need us to be responsive

and our BIPOC staff and volunteers and guests who are also facing other issues around trauma right now

Hello Museum Folks - If your museum is collecting COVID19, can you please let us know? One of our Museum & Archive student researchers at Illinois College is helping track and document different documentation efforts, initiatives, etc. You can contact us at archiveyourstory@ic.edu with a link to your project etc. Thank You

We plan to use the state's graphics for consistent messaging

Recommended Reading:

Nonprofit Sustainability: Making Strategic Decisions for Financial Viability by Jeanne Bell, Jan Masaoka, Steve Zimmerman

Joan Garry-Non Profits are Messy (Podcast) She also has a website full of articles.

Here is a great article about collecting during the protests and covid.

<http://eiratansey.com/2020/06/05/no-one-owes-their-trauma-to-archivists-or-the-commodification-of-contemporaneous-collecting/>

<https://mchistory.org/collecting-covid-19.php>