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Tacoma Museum District to Reopen to the Public Beginning Sept. 25

TACOMA, Wash – After being given the option to reopen by Governor Inslee last month, the museums of the Tacoma Museum District – Washington State Historical Society, Tacoma Art Museum, Museum of Glass, LeMay - America's Car Museum, Foss Waterway Seaport, and Children's Museum of Tacoma – will begin opening their doors to the public starting Sept. 25. The reopening timelines, days of operation, and onsite protocols will vary from museum to museum, based on staffing, financial models, and exhibit configurations.

Throughout the pandemic, the directors of the individual institutions have consulted with local experts and worked in concert to monitor local COVID-19 transmission rates and trends. The decision to reopen comes after thoughtful consideration for the safety of guests, staff, and volunteers, and in accordance with specific protocols established by Washington State, the Department of Labor & Industries, and the Department of Health. Among these protocols are universal mask-wearing, the addition of sanitizing stations throughout the facilities, one-way routes through galleries, monitored social distancing between groups, and enhanced cleaning schedules. Each museum has also installed additional safety features and procedures specific to their individual building layout.

Initially, some venues will operate on a partial-week basis, under the following schedules:

Museum of Glass: Opening Sept. 25; open Friday through Sunday – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

LeMay - America's Car Museum: Opening Sept. 25; open Friday through Sunday – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Washington State Historical Society: Opening Sept. 29; open Thursday through Sunday – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tacoma Art Museum: Opening Oct. 9; open Friday through Sunday – 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Foss Waterway Seaport: Opening Oct. 16; open Fridays from 3 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sundays from noon to 4 p.m.

Children’s Museum of Tacoma: Will remain closed until 2021 due to the hands-on, interactive nature of the galleries. Greentrike, the museum’s parent company, will continue to provide [Distance Learning Camps](#) and [licensed child care](#) for our community’s youngest children.

You can find more information at the Tacoma Museum District’s Facebook page ([@TacomaMuseums](#)) and each museum’s website ([www.WashingtonHistory.org](#), [www.TacomaArtMuseum.org](#), [www.MuseumofGlass.org](#), [www.AmericasCarMuseum.org](#), <https://fosswaterwayseaport.org/>, and <https://playtacoma.org/>). We look forward to seeing you again.

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About The Washington State Historical Society

The Washington State Historical Society partners with our communities to explore how history connects us all. The Washington State History Museum is located in Tacoma's downtown core along Pacific Avenue. The museum features permanent exhibitions, unique rotating exhibitions, and dynamic traveling exhibitions. WSHM is one of six museums in the thriving Tacoma Museum District.

Address: 1911 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98402

Hours: *Currently closed in response to the COVID 19 pandemic. Normal operating hours: 10:00 AM–5:00 PM Tuesday through Sunday. Third Thursdays, 10:00 AM–8:00 PM.

Admission: Free for members; Adults \$14; seniors (age 65+), students (age 6-17), retired and active duty and military (with ID) \$11; free for children 5 and under; family rate \$40 (up to two adults and four children under age 18). Patrons with a Washington Quest card or Washington Foster Care license can attend for \$1 per person or \$2 per family. Admission is free for everyone from 3:00 – 8:00 PM on the Third Thursday of each month.

www.WashingtonHistory.org

About Tacoma Art Museum

Tacoma Art Museum is an anchor in Tacoma's downtown with a mission of connecting people through art. TAM's collection contains more than 5,000 works, with an emphasis on the art and artists of the Northwest and broader Western region. The collection includes the largest retrospective museum collection of glass art by Tacoma native Dale Chihuly on permanent view; the most significant collection of studio art jewelry by Northwest artists; key holdings in 19th century European and 20th century American art; one of the finest collections of Japanese woodblock prints on the West Coast; the Haub Collection of Western American Art; and the Benaroya Collection.

Hours – *Currently closed in response to the COVID 19 pandemic. Normal operating hours: Tues–Sun 10 am–5 pm; FREE Neighborhood Nights every Thursday 5–8 pm

Admission – \$18 Adult, \$15 Student/Senior (65+), \$40 Family (2 adults and up to four children age 6-18), Children 5 and under free every day. Children 18 and under free every Saturday. TAM Members; active duty military, reservists, veterans, and their families always free. www.tacomaartmuseum.org

About Museum of Glass

Located in Tacoma, Washington, Museum of Glass is a premier contemporary art museum dedicated to glass and glassmaking in the West Coast's largest and most active museum glass studio. Opened in 2002, the Museum has established a reputation for hosting impactful and engaging artist residencies, organizing nationally traveling exhibitions, and creating unique programs for visitors while building a growing permanent collection chronicling the development of modern and contemporary glass. Museum of Glass provides an environment for artists and the public to ignite creativity, fuel discovery, and enrich their lives through glass and glassmaking.

Info Line 253.284.4750 | 1.866.4MUSEUM

Museum of Glass, 1801 Dock Street, Tacoma, WA 98402 www.museumofglass.org

About Foss Waterway Seaport

Founded in 1996, the Foss Waterway Seaport celebrates Tacoma's rich maritime heritage – past, present, and future. The museum is located on the historic Thea Foss waterfront in the century-old Balfour Dock Building, a rehabilitated warehouse that is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Educational and cultural programs are centered around the historic building and public moorage on the historic Thea Foss Waterway. Activities include Maritime Heritage exhibits, land- and boat-based science education programs, a Heritage Boat Building Shop, and meeting and event rental space and moorage.

Hours – *Currently closed in response to the COVID 19 pandemic. Normal operating hours: Thu – Sat 10 am – 4 pm; and Sun 12 pm – 4 pm.

Admission – \$10 Adults, \$8 Seniors (62+), \$8 Students and Children (5+), \$8 Military, Free Children 5 and under, \$25 Family (up to 2 adults and 4 children), Free for Friends of the Seaport.

About LeMay - America's Car Museum

LeMay - America's Car Museum is an international destination for families and auto enthusiasts to experience the past, present, and future of the automobile and learn how it shapes our society. Based in Tacoma, Wash., the stunning 165,000-sq.-ft. facility has been recognized as one of MSN's 10 Best Automotive Museums worldwide, USA Today's 10 Best Museums in Seattle and KING5's Best Museum in Western Washington. It is known for its educational outreach serving more than 30,000 students annually, spectacular rotating exhibits, stunning event spaces, and a show field for hosting community events. LeMay - America's Car Museum is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) and partner organization of America's Automotive Trust, TechForce Foundation, and RPM Foundation. For more information, visit www.americascarmuseum.org. Follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn.

Address: 2702 East D Street, Tacoma, WA 98421

Hours: Friday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Admission: Adults \$18; Senior (65+) \$16; Military \$16; Young Adult (13-18) \$14; Youth (6-12) \$10; Child (5 and under) Free; Members Free

About the Children's Museum of Tacoma

At the Children's Museum of Tacoma, our mission is to honor children and champion play. Everything we do begins with our image of the child. We believe children are compassionate, capable, inquisitive, creative, valuable, contributing, and dreamers. Our vision is to be a leader in our community in using play to learn, to grow, and to thrive. The mission comes to life in the Children's Museum of Tacoma, Play to Learn, Preschool Powered by Play, The Muse: A Children's Center, and coming soon the Children's Museum of Tacoma at JBLM.

Hours: The Children's Museum of Tacoma is currently closed in response to the COVID 19 pandemic.

Address: 1501 Pacific Avenue, Tacoma, WA 98402

Website: <https://playtacoma.org/>