



Membership Advisory

Guidance for Reopening Museums

On May 26, 2021, the Government of Alberta released *Alberta's Open for Summer Plan*, a relaunch strategy which eases restrictions in three stages as vaccination targets are reached and hospitalizations decline. Museums and art galleries are included in Stage Two of the [relaunch](#), eligible to reopen and resume operations as early as mid-June.

The Alberta Museums Association (AMA) has created several resources to support museums as they prepare to welcome visitors back to their sites. We recommend members consult our [Guidance for Alberta Museums during the Pandemic](#) resource for sector-specific considerations to ensure they are reopening safely and in accordance with all public health guidelines.

Health & Safety Toolkits are now available to order through the [AMA Bookstore](#). These toolkits include a variety of physical and digital resources to support organizations in the museum and heritage sector to reopen and operate safely during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. Toolkits include physical wayfinding signage and floor stickers to direct visitors and encourage physical distancing. You will also receive free access to digital resources, including instructional signs with a variety of messages to suit different circumstances, as well as customizable templates that can be edited to meet the needs of your organization. Click [here](#) for a list of the full contents of the toolkit.

The AMA is pleased to see museums included in Stage Two of the provincial reopening plan as museums are essential places for community building and engagement. We encourage all members to invite the Honourable Leela Aheer, Minister of Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women, and their MLAs to their museums, when it is safe to do so, to demonstrate the resilience these community institutions have demonstrated over the past year and the ways in which museums can contribute to healthy and vibrant communities going forward.

If you have any questions about reopening your museum or the resources above, please contact the AMA Advisory Team at advisory@museums.ab.ca. For the most current public health measures, please see the Government of Alberta's [website](#).