

THE CHARLES HOSMER MORSE MUSEUM of American Art

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Morse Update: Museum Will Reopen on July 8 with Guidelines in Place

WINTER PARK, FL—The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art will reopen to the public on Wednesday, July 8. Public Museum and Museum Shop hours, however, have been temporarily restricted to 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. At this time, the Morse will remain closed on Sundays. The Museum has been temporarily closed since March due to the coronavirus. New guidelines for visiting the Museum have been implemented to ensure a safe reopening.

To reduce direct personal contact, and to maintain recommended physical distancing, the Morse Museum has developed an appointment system for visitors to reserve a time slot prior to their visit. All those planning to visit the Museum are asked to make an appointment in advance of their visit. The last available appointment is at 3 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. Beginning July 8, appointments may be made by visiting morsemuseum.org/plan-your-visit or by calling (407) 644-1429 during operating hours.

For the safety of both visitors and staff, the Morse has instituted new guidelines:

If you feel at all unwell, please postpone your visit and contact the Museum to arrange a new appointment time.

Please wear a face covering during your visit. Masks are available at the Visitor Services desk.

Please do not touch anything in the Museum except the object guides available in each gallery.

Please maintain a social distance of at least six feet (preferably ten feet) from others throughout your visit.

Please sanitize your hands at the sanitizing stations in the lobby and just before leaving the galleries to enter the Museum Shop.

The Morse has created these guidelines to ensure that everyone is as safe as possible and to comply with local and state health recommendations.

For all those who would like to continue to visit the Museum virtually from home, the Morse offers many opportunities. The Morse Museum's website includes online activities, videos, and an audio tour. The Museum actively posts images and information about featured works of art on its <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>Pinterest</u>, and <u>Twitter</u> pages.

Please note that all on-site lectures, music presentations, art demonstrations, and other inperson programs as well as social events are canceled or postponed until further notice.

The Morse Museum is home to the world's most comprehensive collection of works by American designer and artist Louis Comfort Tiffany (1848–1933), including the chapel interior he designed for the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago and art and architectural objects from Tiffany's celebrated Long Island home, Laurelton Hall. The Museum's holdings also include American art pottery, late 19th- and early 20th-century American paintings, graphics, and decorative art.

Located at 445 N. Park Avenue, the Museum is owned and operated by the Charles Hosmer Morse Foundation and receives additional support from the Elizabeth Morse Genius Foundation. It receives no public funds. For more information call (407) 645-5311 or visit the museum's website at morsemuseum.org.

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