

We will be opening to the General Public Thursday, June 4th with the following guidelines in place:

- It is crucial that social distancing be maintained at all times.
- **A maximum of 20 people** will be allowed to enter the Williams-Brice House or Temple Sinai Jewish History Center at one time.
- If you are sick or have any symptoms please refrain from visiting the Museum.
- Carolina Backcountry Homestead is an outdoor space but it is still crucial that social distancing be maintained at all times.
- Staff may be available for tours of the downstairs of the Williams-Brice House and Temple Sinai Jewish History Center, but sites will predominantly be self-guided.
- The Museum and Temple Sinai Jewish History Center can be experienced with a self-guided tour. There are informational placards throughout the exhibits and interpretive signs on the grounds and in the Carolina Backcountry Homestead to guide and educate visitors. New QR codes!
- Museum operating hours are Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Staff may be available on other days to assist you with questions. Please call 803-775-0908 to speak to a staff member on a non-operating day.
- Per City of Sumter ordinance, masks are required inside museum facilities beginning July 3, 2020. Museum can provide one disposable mask per guest if needed.
- We have taken enhanced health and safety measures—for you, guests, staff, and visitors. An inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is an extremely contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. According to the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), senior citizens and guests with underlying medical conditions are especially vulnerable. **By visiting Sumter County Museum, utilizing the museum's rental facilities, and/or attending an event you voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19 for your guests and you.**
- As a way to support our community at this time, admission is free. Membership and donations encouraged! Thank you!

All of the guidelines listed above will be strictly adhered to until further notice.