

GREENWICH, CT, June 17, 2020 — The Bruce Museum is reopening the Museum to members and the public starting Saturday, June 27, 2020, upon receiving the necessary certification from state agencies.

Admission to the Bruce Museum beginning June 27 will be by advance online reservation, with timed ticketing to ensure the comfort and safety of visitors and staff. **Admission will be free to all visitors upon the Museum's reopening to the public.**

The following hours of operation and admission policy will be in effect starting June 27 until further notice:

9:30 – 10:30 am, Tuesday through Sunday: The Museum is open only to self-selected individuals over the age of 65 or who are immunocompromised.

10:30 – 11:30 am, Tuesday through Sunday: The Bruce is pleased to welcome Museum members only for one hour of special access.

Remaining Museum hours are unchanged. To reserve a timed ticket to visit the Bruce Museum, visit brucemuseum.org.

Please check our website frequently! The Museum may need to operate fluidly between reopening phases, depending on the state and local guidance. If you have any questions about the safety guidelines, please call 203-869-0376 prior to your visit.

Frequently Asked Questions

What steps is the Museum taking to ensure the health and safety of visitors?

- All visitors, excluding children under two years old, are required to wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth as per state laws and CDC guidelines.
- The Museum will follow a rigorous cleaning and sanitation plan prior to opening spaces; surfaces and points of contact will be disinfected by Museum staff throughout the day.
- Hand sanitizer will be made available at entrance points and common areas.
- Along with timed ticket entry, the Museum will reduce visitor levels to less than 50% capacity in order to maintain proper distancing among visitors and between Museum staff and visitors.
- Visitors who enter the Museum as a “family unit” will be limited to four people, and will be permitted to tour the galleries together while maintaining proper distance from other visitors and Museum staff.
- Group visits, guided tours, public programs and special or private events are not being scheduled at this time.

Who can visit the Bruce Museum?

The Bruce welcomes all visitors who are not experiencing symptoms of illness. Those in high-risk groups (comorbidities) should continue to stay safe and stay home, as recommended by the CDC. Individuals over the age of 65, or those who are immunocompromised who wish to visit are encouraged to take advantage of the Museum's special access for those groups of people, 9:30 – 10:30 am, Tuesday through Sunday.

I plan to make a reservation for a timed entry. Can you walk me through the experience of entering the building?

Thank you! Upon arriving on Museum grounds, please proceed to the main entrance. You will be greeted by Museum staff at the Visitor Services desk, who will confirm your reservation and give you a brief overview of what to expect during your visit. Additional information will be found on signage, both outside the Museum and inside, and we encourage you to spend a moment familiarizing yourself with these guidelines.

The gallery floors of the Museum will employ one-way flow and limited capacities. Signage and floor markings will indicate social distance markers and visitor flow. Touchable interactives will be disabled throughout the galleries.

Please arrive on time. Visitors can arrive five minutes before their ticketed time and up to 10 minutes after their ticketed time to enter. If you arrive later than 10 minutes after your start time, we unfortunately cannot allow you to enter the Museum.

Will gallery tours be offered?

No guided tours are offered at this time. We invite you to take advantage of our "Audio by Cell" gallery tours; details about how to access the audio tour on your cell phone may be found near the entrance of the main gallery.

What if a Museum visitor is not willing to use a face mask upon entering the building?

That person will not be permitted to enter the building. Following recommendation from the CDC for everyone to wear a mask or cloth face coverings in public settings to reduce the spread of COVID-19, CT Governor Ned Lamont signed an executive order directing face coverings to be worn by anyone in shared public spaces, including by employees while in the

workplace. This does not apply to children under the age of two or to anyone for whom doing so would be contrary to his or her health or safety because of a medical condition.

Have the ticket prices changed?

Admission to the Museum is free of charge for all visitors at this time.

What exhibitions will be on view?

[On the Edge of the World: Masterworks by Laurits Andersen Ring from SMK—the National Gallery of Denmark](#), has been extended and will be on view in the newly renovated main gallery through August 9, 2020. Initiated by the American Friends of Statens Museum for Kunst, the national gallery of Denmark, the exhibition showcases 25 of the most important pieces by L.A. Ring, considered one of the most important figures in Danish art. The Bruce Museum is the only East Coast venue to host the exhibition in the U.S.

[Under the Skin](#). Organized by Curator of Science Dr. Daniel Ksepka, this exhibition samples images made possible by a remarkable array of technologies—CT scanning, infrared cameras, scanning electron microscopy, and more—that allow scientists to visualize the marvels of evolution that lie below the surface. Natural history specimens from the Bruce Museum and on loan from other collections complement each image and reinforce the role of museums as stewards of natural history.

[iCreate 2020](#). Now in its 11th year, this annual exhibition showcases the talents of emerging high school artists from throughout the region. Organized by the Bruce Museum’s New Media Manager, Mary Ann Lendenmann, *iCreate* will be on view in the Bantle Lecture Gallery through August 2, 2020.

Will you be offering traditional programs for visitors, such as the Bruce Beginnings programs for families with young children?

The Museum’s Audience Engagement team will continue to offer a rich array of online learning activities geared to children and their families. Please visit the “Education” tab at brucemuseum.org for current information and when new, in-person programs will be offered.

Do I have to leave the Museum by a certain time?

While we invite you to enjoy your time at the Bruce, we ask that you be mindful of the timed-ticket holders who follow you. No more than 90 minutes is recommended.

Is the Museum Store open?

The Museum Store welcomes shoppers, with controlled access and minimal touch transactions.

Some other cultural institutions in the TriState area are choosing to remain closed to the public at this time. Why open the Bruce Museum now?

The Bruce Museum is reopening only after taking every precaution to ensure the health and safety of our staff and visitors, and in accordance with all applicable state and local guidelines, protocols, and certification.

Like other arts and cultural organizations in the area, the Bruce Museum serves an important role as a trusted community partner that serves the public through the arts and science. The Bruce brings people together to share in arts and cultural experiences, building community, enhancing quality of life, and adding vibrancy to our cities and towns.

In short, the Bruce Museum is looking forward to being able to continue to fulfill its time-honored mission to promote the understanding and appreciation of Art and Science to enrich the lives of all people, with both a compelling array of virtual exhibitions, programs, and events and, once again, in-gallery experiences for those who wish to visit in person.

If you have specific questions not answered above, please email the Museum at info@brucemuseum.org or call 203-869-0376.

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About the Bruce Museum

The Bruce Museum is a community-based, world-class institution highlighting art and science. Changing galleries for art and permanent galleries for the natural sciences encompass regional to global perspectives. Accredited by the [American Alliance of Museums](http://www.aamuseum.org) and voted the best museum in Fairfield County by area media in recent years, the Bruce plays an integral role in the cultural life of area residents. The Museum attracts approximately 70,000 visitors annually, including 24,000 schoolchildren, and also has special programs for families, seniors, students, and community organizations. Located in a park setting just off I-95, exit 3, at 1 Museum Drive in Greenwich, Connecticut, the Museum is also a 5-minute walk from the Metro-North Greenwich Station. For additional information, call the Bruce Museum at 203-869-0376 or visit brucemuseum.org.