



Friday, April 23, 2021

Smithsonian to Begin Reopening Starting May 5th

We are thrilled to announce that today, the Smithsonian Institute announced that it will begin to **reopen seven (7) museums, as well as the National Zoo**. Visitors will need to reserve free timed-entry passes for all locations. We know how important this news is to your operations and attracting visitors to our city.

There will be reduced hours and added health and safety measures. The reopening schedule is as follows:

Wednesday, May 5th

National Air and Space Museum's Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center in Chantilly, Virginia

Open daily 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Friday, May 14th (Passes Available Starting May 7th)

National Museum of African American History and Culture

Wednesday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

National Portrait Gallery

Wednesday through Sunday 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Smithsonian American Art Museum

Wednesday through Sunday 11:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian American Art Museum

Wednesday through Sunday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Friday, May 21st (Passes Available Starting May 14th)

National Museum of American History

Friday through Tuesday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

National Museum of the American Indian (DC)

Wednesday through Sunday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Smithsonian's National Zoo

Open daily 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

These sites will reopen with added health and safety measures, including limiting the number of people in their spaces, social distancing, face coverings, enhanced cleaning and hand-sanitizing stations. We are hopeful that with this announcement visitors will see that the District is open and ready to welcome tourists, as we begin our road to recovery. For further information regarding the Smithsonian reopening click [here](#).

2021 State of Downtown Virtual Forum

Yesterday afternoon, the DowntownDC Business Improvement District (BID) released their annual State of Downtown 2020 Report during a virtual forum moderated by BID President & CEO, Neil Albert. Joined by Mayor Bowser, Deputy Mayor Falcicchio, and Council Chairman Mendelson, a panel of industry experts, including Solomon Keene Jr., President & CEO, HAWDC, discussed the performance of Downtown DC's hardest hit economic sectors.

HAWDC will continue to work with the Mayor and our partners to press for anticipated dates or metrics regarding the relaxation of the travel and tourism related restrictions in place. HAWDC continues to persistently request and strongly encourage a robust and speedy reopening plan in order to return visitors and employees back to the District in a safe manner.

To read the entire report, click [here](#).

Regards,
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