



## **Press Release**

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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Tulsa Air and Space Museum & Planetarium Reopening**

Celebrate Oklahoma's aerospace heritage when The Tulsa Air and Space Museum & Planetarium reopens with an exclusive Members-Only Launch on Monday, June 1, 2020; and opens to the public on Tuesday, June 2, 2020. Hours of operations are 10am to 4pm, Monday-Friday (closed on Saturday and Sunday).

TASM supporters and patrons can purchase an annual membership that is active until January 1, 2022. Membership benefits include discount store purchases, discounted venue rental and birthday parties, flight lab access, special member-only sneak peaks, and other great benefits.

#### Ticket Purchasing:

TASM is implementing a number of precautions to ensure the safest environment possible. These changes include: allowing admission by appointment only through online ticket sales, spacing three planetarium shows throughout the day to allow for adequate cleaning time between shows, limiting the number of visitors in the exhibit all, and finally taking the temperatures of all guests, volunteers, and employees. The full safety and procedures plan is accessible on TASM's website.

#### Safety:

Safety protocols have been prioritized to include social distancing practices, touchless online ticketing, sanitizing stations, employees and volunteers wearing face masks and gloves, and one-way directional experience throughout the exhibit hall. Hand washing is also highly recommended upon entrance and exit, with ample opportunities to utilize hand sanitizer dispensers during their visit. Groups will be limited in size, and daily capacity will be limited. Many exhibits will be temporarily unavailable, such as open cockpits and Virtual Reality Experiences. The museum will follow a health and safety plan during the pandemic that is based upon guidance provided by the CDC, the American Association of Museums, and the state and local health officials. This plan will be continually refined by the museum based upon the recommendations of these organizations, and the evolving status of the pandemic.



### Museum Content:

New objects have been added, such as the original Spartan sign that hung above the entrance to the Spartan Aviation Company building, a new William “Bill” Pogue exhibit to honor a local hero, a Mars Rover replica on loan from NASA, as well as other objects and content throughout the museum. Additional tour content has been added, such as behind-the-scenes tours of the collections archival storage area, and curator-led tours.

### Planetarium:

The Planetarium will continue to offer safe distancing seating with limited tickets sales per show, and an hour between shows to allow for adequate cleaning, and guests will be offered gloves and masks and are encouraged to utilize all PPE during their visit.

**Patrons can stay up to date on reopening procedures and ticket sales procedures by following TASM social media and sign up for our newsletter.**

***All experiences at TASM are subject to change while the museum and planetarium continues to monitor state and local health and safety guidelines for reopening.***

### Museum Store:

The Museum Store will also be open. Store merchandise can also be viewed and purchased online with shipping or curbside pickup. Visit **TulsaMuseum.org** for more information, or email: **info@tulsamuseum.org**

### About the Museum

With a mission to preserve Oklahoma’s aerospace history and to inspire science-based learning through discovery, the Tulsa Air and Space Museum & Planetarium (TASM) has carved out a unique niche in the Oklahoma museum community, with our focus on the aviation/aerospace industry, which is the second largest employer in the state. TASM has been exposing students to real-world applications of STEM for over 15 years. Last year, more than 33,000 students participated in STEM engagement, consisting of museum tours, hands-on activities, interactive exhibits, inspirational messages and planetarium educational programming.

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