



## For Immediate Release

### Texas Ranger Museum Reopens May 4<sup>th</sup>

The Museum complex was temporarily closed by the City of Waco on Saturday March 14<sup>th</sup> to proactively limit the community spread of the COVID-19. Normally open 362 days a year, this is the longest the historical center has been closed to the public since it opened 52 years ago in 1968.

We looked forward to welcoming guests on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, and our staff has made extensive preparations for the protection of our visitors.

In compliance with State requirements, admissions to the museum will be limited to 75 persons at a time and slowly increase as permitted. Additional changes include but are not limited to:

- Visitors over 2 years old will be encouraged to wear a mask (like *The Lone Ranger*) for their protection and that of others. Western-style bandanas are available for purchase at the Admissions desk.
- The staff, who sees 75,000 to 100,000 visitors from all over the world each year, will wear masks in public areas or meetings.
- Social distancing will be implemented in the Museum and Gift Shop.
- Due to narrow confines of existing galleries, guided tours will be limited to 10-minute overviews in the Hall of Fame theater between video showings. Tour group size will be limited to 23 persons.
- All exhibit interactives will be removed and touch screen devices deactivated for the duration of the emergency. Signs will be installed to explain the removal.

Please follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/txrangermuseum](https://www.facebook.com/txrangermuseum)) and [www.texasranger.org](http://www.texasranger.org) for updates on our reopening.

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