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THE FRICK PITTSBURGH ANNOUNCES PLAN TO REOPEN POINT BREEZE CAMPUS

PITTSBURGH, PA, June 8, 2020 – The Frick Pittsburgh is pleased to announce that, in light of Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf's announcement moving Allegheny County to "green" status on June 5, the museum will begin a phased reopening beginning Tuesday, July 7 with the reopening of the site grounds. This decision was made in part through collaboration with museums and cultural institutions from across Southwestern Pennsylvania, all preparing for safe re-openings.

This collective of museums, which includes 30 different arts and cultural organizations spanning Allegheny, Westmoreland and Fayette Counties, began meeting in late March with the goal of working together to develop and share best practices in conjunction with federal, state and local recommendations in order to maintain the health and safety of visitors, staff and volunteers. These best practices reflect the unique needs of each individual institution to ensure that visitors feel comfortable and prepared to return to the Frick and other Southwestern Pennsylvania museums and cultural institutions.

The group meets digitally on a weekly basis to share plans and discuss key elements of re-opening, including visitor guidelines; facilities; staff and volunteers; and diversity and equity issues. Although each institution is evaluating re-opening under on its own schedule, the Frick is confident that these shared conversations will facilitate safe and smooth re-openings across the region.

While this group convened for the purpose of collaborating on best practices for reopening individual institutions, it has opened the door for other vital collaborative efforts, such as addressing support for racial equity and ending the cycle of violence and oppression affecting people of color in Southwestern Pennsylvania. This group will continue to meet to listen to community needs and discuss specific actions that can be taken by each institution to make a change.

Starting on Saturday, August 15, the Frick expects to reopen selected spaces in its museum buildings—those galleries able to accommodate the physical distancing still needed during the “green phase” of reopening. The museum will continue to share updates and additional information about what visitors can expect when they return in the weeks ahead online at thefrickpittsburgh.org/covid-19. In interim, visitors are encouraged to connect with the Frick digitally by visiting TheFrickPittsburgh.org/Virtual.

ABOUT THE FRICK PITTSBURGH

Located on the Pittsburgh estate of late-19th-century industrialist Henry Clay Frick, The Frick Pittsburgh is the steward of collections left as a legacy to the people of Pittsburgh by Frick’s daughter, Helen Clay Frick. The permanent collections include fine and decorative arts, cars, carriages, historic objects, and buildings. The Frick experience includes The Frick Art Museum, the Car and Carriage Museum, Clayton, the Frick family Gilded Age mansion, and six acres of beautifully landscaped lawns and gardens. Also included are an Education Center, the Frick children’s playhouse (designed by renowned architects Alden & Harlow), a large working greenhouse (also designed by Alden & Harlow), The Café at the Frick, and the Grable Visitor Center, which houses the Frick Museum Store. Information about The Frick Pittsburgh is available online at TheFrickPittsburgh.org.

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