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Holocaust Memorial Center to reopen



The Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills will reopen to the public on Monday, July 27.

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The Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills has reopened to members and will open to the public on Monday, July 27.

The museum, 28123 Orchard Lake Road, has been closed since mid-March by order of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, designed to prevent the spread of the coronavirus

HMC will reopen with the following safety protocols and guidelines, all in compliance with guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and local health departments:

- Until further notice, the museum's hours will be Sunday through Thursday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Friday from 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. For the first hour of each day, admission is reserved for seniors and those who are immune compromised.
- The number of guests will be limited, and the museum is encouraging pre-purchasing of timed tickets prior to each visit. Tickets are available at holocaustcenter.org or by calling 248-553-2400.

- There will be no docent-led public tours or Holocaust survivor speakers.
- Face masks are required for all guests over age 3. Masks will be available for purchase if needed. Hand sanitizing stations are located throughout the museum and heightened cleaning protocols, which include increased disinfection of restrooms and high-touch surfaces such as hand railings and door handles have been established.
- Floor markers are placed to encourage social distancing and plexiglass dividers have been installed at the service desk.
- The museum's latest special exhibit, Operation Finale: The Capture & Trial of Adolf Eichmann, will remain on display this summer. The multimedia exhibit reveals the secret history behind the capture, extradition and trial of one of the world's most notorious escaped war criminals. Eichmann, the head of the Nazis' homicidal "Jewish Department," managed the transport of millions of innocent people to death camps. He vanished after World War II. Photographs, film and recently declassified spy artifacts reveal the dramatic history behind the abduction and globally broadcast trial of a principal in The Final Solution, Nazi Germany's plan for the mass murder of Jews.