

# *The Filson Historical Society*

Friday, August 27, 2021

Dear Filsonians,

One hundred years from now, hopefully, Pandemic historians will credit us with doing our utmost and highest to remain safely open to our public and to continue our phenomenal work. We are still gearing up for the official reopening on September 1 and want to share the details of our reopening plan.

Your health and safety are top priorities for us at the Filson Historical Society. With the Delta variant and COVID-19 cases spiking in our area and out of an abundance of caution, we have decided to require visitors over twelve years of age to the Filson campus or participating in a Filson-sponsored indoor event to be fully COVID-19 vaccinated and to wear a mask. The Filson will accept the vaccination card or a photo of the card. For your convenience, if you will be making return visits and prefer, we can add your name to the list of people who have shown proof. Those unable to receive the vaccination will need to show proof of a negative covid test from within 48 hours of their planned visit, which would be a printed or electronic copy of their test results.

Reservations are suggested for all in-person tours, events, and research appointments. Our galleries will be open to walk-in visitors.

By now, all of us have experienced this insidious infectious disease individually, or in our families, friends, or co-workers. Because of the health and safety of our staff, patrons, community, state and region, we believe that it is the right thing to do at this point.

We ask that all visitors and staff adhere to these new policies to protect the safety of everyone who comes to the Filson. If you have any concerns or questions during your visit, please make us aware. We will continue to improve these processes and update our procedures as guidance from the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the CDC changes.

Come visit...safely!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Richard H.C. Clay".

Richard H.C. Clay  
President/CEO