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COVID-19 Shutdown

Request from Chris Skow and Norman Holmes

Norman Holmes and myself, Chris Skow, would like to suggest that the board of directors make the decision to open up the museum on the Labor Day Weekend. We feel the effort to have our museum open for this weekend will bring in much needed income and following the Covid-19 safety guidelines is really not that hard to do.

We see that several other railroad museums in the state of California are open. Why not our wonderful museum? Here is what these other railroad museums are enforcing:

Visiting the Museum: COVID-19 Guidance

The top priority has always been the health and safety of our guests, members, volunteers and employees. As we re-open our doors, we have outlined additional safety precautions when visiting the museum including:

- All guests should self-assess prior to coming to the museum and follow CDC guidance if they exhibit symptoms.
- All guests over the age of two should wear face coverings
- Hand sanitizing stations are available
- Restrooms will be cleaned and sanitized throughout the day with a thorough cleaning after closing
- Social distancing is encouraged
- The Bookstore will limit the number of individuals inside.
- Social distancing and a face covering are required to enter the Bookstore.
- Train and Trolley Tickets are now available . Tickets may also be purchased at the Bookstore. Entrance to the Bookstore is not required to purchase tickets.

When riding the trains

For your safety and the safety of others when riding the train, please adhere to the following guidelines:

- All guests over the age of two should wear face coverings
- Maintain social distancing. Seating should be spaced out for health and safety.

- Avoid touching hard surfaces and then your eyes, mouth or nose.
- Handrails, grabrails and other handles will be disinfected between runs, however, avoid touching them if at all possible.

We would like to point out that here in the Portola-Blairsden-Graeagle area for the past couple of weekends all of the hotels, motels and resorts have been totally sold out. Folks are coming to this area on the weekends to get away from the city and enjoy some fresh mountain air. Many have spent the past several weekends in their homes during the lockdown and now they want to get away for a few days.

Please, if possible open up the Western Pacific Railroad Museum over the Labor Day Weekend. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Norman Holmes

Chris Skow