



# Membership Advisory

## Guidance on Gift Shops, Cafés, and Outdoor Spaces

The Alberta Museums Association (AMA) has received multiple inquiries from members regarding the ongoing closure of museums and the related public health measures around gift shops, cafés, and outdoor spaces. We have heard back from the provincial government, clarifying the following information:

- Retail spaces and restaurants can be open even if the museum is not. These spaces must follow [current public health guidelines](#), such as restrictions to indoor in-person dining and capacity limits for retail.
  - Please note that, as of April 9, 2021, cafés and restaurants are able to provide outdoor dining and take-out service, and retail spaces are limited to 15% capacity.
- Outdoor features at museums (as with zoos) can operate with appropriate protocols in place for social distancing, signage, etc.

Guidance for operating the above spaces is available under the Government of Alberta's [General Operational Guidance](#); additional guidance documents can be found [here](#). Please note that the above information is subject to change as public health guidelines and restrictions are updated. Please refer to [Alberta Health Services](#) and the Government of Alberta's [website](#) for the most current information relating to COVID-19.

The AMA has supports available to help museums open eligible areas during the pandemic, including [Health & Safety Toolkits](#), which include a variety of physical and digital resources to support organizations to reopen and operate. These toolkits are available in the [AMA Bookstore](#) for the cost of shipping, at a flat rate of \$40 per toolkit.

Organizations may order up to three toolkits; orders will be filled based on demand, while supplies last. An organization does not need to be an AMA member to order a toolkit.

With support from Travel Alberta, these resources are part of an [ongoing AMA project](#) to provide supports to the museum and heritage sector during this public health crisis.

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