SOCIAL NARRATIVE
For Visiting the Eiteljorg Museum
COVID-19
Public Health Notice

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- **Wear face coverings inside the building**
- **Sanitize hands upon entering**
- **Receive a non-invasive temperature scan taken by museum staff**
- **Maintain six-foot social distancing from others inside the building**
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- **Wash hands after using the restroom, sneezing, or blowing one’s nose.**

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Today, I’m going to visit the Eiteljorg Museum!
The Eiteljorg Museum is a museum about Native American and Western art and culture.

Western Art is the art that comes from the American West, places like Colorado, Arizona, and California!

The Museum also displays the art and culture of Native Americans – the first people to live in what we call home today. They live everywhere – from the West Coast to the East-Coast, and here in Indiana!
While I’m at the museum, I will need to follow some rules to keep everyone safe.

I need to wash my hands and use hand sanitizer often. This helps keeps me from spreading germs with my hands!

I need to wear my mask at all times when I’m inside the museum and in the gardens. This keeps me from breathing out or breathing in any germs, and keeps me safe!

I need to stay at least six feet away from people I didn’t come with. This is about as far as the width of this painting. This keeps me from getting as many germs on me from other visitors! I also need to wait my turn in lines.
We will park in the White River State Park garage and go in through the main doors.
When I get to the museum, I will need to do a few things to help keep myself and everyone else safe.

I need to use the big sanitizer bottles and clean my hands once I walk inside.

I need to use the temperature scanner by security to make sure I don’t have a fever. I will remember to wait my turn in line. I can use my wrist or my forehead!

If I feel sick, I can come back to the museum another day!
When we go to the museum, we will interact with different types of people.

Everyone who works at the Eiteljorg will have a name badge with their face on it like this.

The people wearing black uniforms with radios are security staff. They are here to keep us safe.

We can ask any of these people for help if we need it!
There are many things I can do to help make my visit the best it can be.

If we need a break, we can go outside into the gardens for a quieter time, or go to a different area of the museum and go back if something is too loud.

If it gets too loud, I can go to the front desk where we bought our tickets and ask the staff there for a pair of noise-canceling headphones. They will clean them between each use so nobody gets sick!

It can be fun to bring our own music, too! What kinds of songs would you want to listen to while looking at art?
While we’re at the museum, we can’t touch the art.

If someone touched our things, we wouldn’t like that, and they could break it too!

Not touching the things at the museum helps keep them and us safe.

I can bring something of my own to touch while looking at the art, though!
A first stop we could go to is the Western art gallery. This is all about the lives of people who lived and live in the American West.

Here, I can see the art of the people who inhabited and inhabit the American West.

I can also look at the many landscapes of the American West. This painting is huge!
Next we can go to the Native American galleries on the upper floors.

Here, we can watch a video while staying six feet apart from others,

Look at different ways Native American people create art,

and explore the things that Native American people make and the many different Native American ways of living.
The Eiteljorg also has lots of temporary exhibits. We can find out more about them from the website!
There are lots of things we can do while looking at the art in the museum.

We can think about who made it and why they wanted to make it.

We can think about what I like most about it. Do I like the colors, or the shapes, or what it is showing me?

I can go home and make my own art too, and think about the cool things we saw at the museum while doing it!
We hope to see you soon!