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### **Crazy Horse Memorial® Will Reopen to the Public on Monday, May 18**

CRAZY HORSE, SD (May 5, 2020) — Crazy Horse Memorial announced today that it will reopen on Monday, May 18 with certain restrictions to protect the health of staff and guests. The Memorial will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily on May 18-21; starting May 22, closing time will be approximately 30 minutes after the Laser Light Show, which begins at dark. Thirty minutes preceding the show, visitors will enjoy a special tribute to Native American veterans who served our country in the U.S. military.

According to Jadwiga Ziolkowski, chief executive officer and director of public affairs, the June Volksmarch and June 26 Night Blast are cancelled, and the Gift from Mother Earth Art Show is postponed until fall. Cultural programs will continue as scheduled, with social distancing and other safety protocols in place.

“All staff who need to manage the safety protocols are receiving appropriate training,” Ziolkowski said. “Physical distancing, sanitizing all hard surfaces, frequency of cleaning, and practicing good hygiene all will be significant aspects of reopening the Memorial to our guests, who we are looking forward to welcoming back.”

Crazy Horse Memorial closed its doors on Mar. 25, as novel coronavirus disease became active in South Dakota and began to spread in the region.

“We understand the concerns that members of the public have regarding Covid-19 and the risk to public health, and we remain committed to ensuring that each guest has a safe and memorable learning experience while visiting our Memorial and the Black Hills,” Ziolkowski said. “We will continue to provide updates through our social media channels and website as we move into the summer season.”

The Laughing Water Restaurant, Snack Shop, Gift Shop, and Bus to Base services also will be available to guests starting May 18, with proper safety, cleaning, and social distancing measures implemented. Korczak’s Heritage Inc. provides these services, with royalties paid to the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation.

And, of course, there is the massive mountain sculpture itself. Work is ongoing at this active mountain carving site, with significant progress being made in this generation.

“The Memorial is a 501c3 public charity of international scope, and it’s sustained solely through admissions and contributions,” said Laurie Becvar, president and chief operating officer. “We are very grateful for our many friends throughout the world who support our work, and we will continue to schedule special guided trips to the top of the sculpture’s arm—using social distancing practices—for eligible donors.”

The Memorial’s mountain carving remains a powerful attraction for visitors, as work continues steadily and safely on Crazy Horse’s outstretched arm, his hand, and his horse’s mane.

“We are thankful to have the best of many worlds, including modern technology and equipment and old-fashioned hard work, which keeps the carving ever-changing,” said Monique Ziolkowski, chief executive officer and director of mountain carving. “We are mindful of the respect for the rock itself, and the people who have faith in all the work accomplished at Crazy Horse Memorial.”

To learn more about Crazy Horse Memorial, to plan a visit, and for information about making a contribution, call (605) 673-4681 or visit [crazyhorsememorial.org](http://crazyhorsememorial.org). To stay up to date on the latest news and events, follow the Crazy Horse Memorial on Facebook ([/crazyhorsememorial](https://www.facebook.com/crazyhorsememorial/)), Twitter ([@crazyhorsemem](https://twitter.com/crazyhorsemem)) and Instagram ([@crazyhorsememorial](https://www.instagram.com/crazyhorsememorial/)).