

# ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES

## MASK POLICY

The Museum does not require a mask to be worn inside at this time. It is your personal choice. We welcome individuals that feel more comfortable wearing a mask in the museum. We ask that if you present with any symptoms of COVID-19, please stay at home until confirmed you are not contagious according to current CDC guidelines or upon Medical Doctor advisement.

## PARKING

- The Gibbes Museum of Art galleries are accessible to all individuals, regardless of the mobility devices they may use.
- The Gibbes Museum of Art does not provide parking, but there is city parking close to the Museum.
- There is one accessible parking spot on Meeting St. available at the front of the Gibbes Museum of Art. This parking spot is not owned by the Gibbes Museum of Art and cannot be guaranteed to any individual.
- There is a space for passenger loading/unloading in front of the Museum. The availability of this space is not guaranteed to be available.
- If you have an accessible placard or license plate you can park in any city garage or meter for free. For more information regarding this topic please [click here](#). The closest city garages are the Cumberland St. parking garage (90 Cumberland St, Charleston, SC 29401) and the Queen St. parking garage (93 Queen St, Charleston, SC 29401).
- The Cumberland St. garage is about 2–3 min walk to the museum, and the Queen St. garage is about a 2–3 min walk to the museum.
- We recommend the Cumberland St. Parking garage for individuals that use a mobility device due to the path being more accessible.
- For directions and more information regarding the location of the Gibbes Museum of Art please [click here](#).
- If you need additional assistance please call us at (843) 722-2706.

# ACCESSIBILITY GUIDELINES (CONT'D)

## FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH PHYSICAL DIFFICULTIES

- The Gibbes Museum of Art galleries are accessible to all individuals, regardless of the mobility devices they may use.
- While the entire museum is accessible to all mobility devices, please note the Lenhardt Garden is composed of gravel, this may be difficult to navigate. The garden is located in the back of the Museum.
- The Museum has two standard wheelchairs available. You can call in advance to reserve a wheelchair, otherwise they are available on a first come first served basis.
- Motorized and standard wheelchairs are welcome.
- When looking at the front of the museum the accessible entrance, which has an automatic door, is located on the right side of the museum. The entrance is near the bicycle rack.
- When inside the museum the elevator is located on the right under the staircase, near the accessible entrance.
- The Museum currently has portable gallery stools available for use on a first come first serve basis. Please speak to the front desk to check these out.
- There are benches available for use throughout the Museum.
- There are rails located on all stairways of the Museum, including the front entrance of the museum.
- The Museum has various adaptable equipment for our classes/workshops available for individuals with fine or gross motor disabilities. Please call for a full list of adaptable equipment.
- The Museum welcomes service dogs. The museum does not allow emotional support animals inside the building.
- There are accessible bathrooms on each floor of the museum. There is an accessible family restroom located on the first and third floors.
- The gift shop is physically accessible to all patrons.

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## FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH VISION IMPAIRMENTS

- We can provide specialized tours or services to assist those with vision impairments, please contact us at least two weeks in advance for this service.

## FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SENSORY DIFFICULTIES

- The Museum is less crowded during:
  - Weekdays between 10 A.M. – 11 A.M. and between 2:00 – 5:00 P.M.
  - Saturday between 12:30 P.M. – 2:30 P.M.
  - Sunday between 3:30 P.M. – 5 P.M. but Sundays have the most variability for crowds.
- The Museum can become loud, we offer noise limiting headphones for children or adults at the front desk on a first come first serve basis.
- The Museum has fidget toys and weighted products at the front desk available for use on a first come first serve basis.