

MOHAI COVID-19 Reopening Communications Campaign

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Organization Mission

- To collect and preserve "artifacts and stories of the Puget Sound region's diverse history"
- To engage with and inspire individuals and the community.

Problem

- Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, MOHAI has been closed to the public since March 12, 2020.
- MOHAI will open once again to visitors on March 1, 2021.
- A communications campaign is necessary to inform the public when MOHAI will be reopening as well as what protective practices are in place and how they will impact the visitor experience.

SWOT ANALYSIS

Strengths

- Top 10 Seattle attraction, according to The Seattle Times.
- Traveler's Choice 2020 award winner and highly rated attraction on TripAdvisor.
- Fun for all ages.
- Scenic Lake Union waterfront location in historic building.

Opportunities

- Increase awareness and traffic to MOHAI virtual events and experiences.
- Motivate followers and public to become members.
- People hesitant to visit can still provide financial support.

Weaknesses

- Popular interactive exhibits are high touch and will remain closed to the public.
- Funding challenges due to increased operating costs and reduced ticket sales.

Threats

- Risk of infection to both visitors and staff.
- Additional closure mandates.
- Negative reputation impact if reopening is poorly implemented.

CAMPAIGN ELEMENTS



THEME

Cooperative and welcoming



OBJECTIVES

To inform the target audiences when MOHAI will open and what restrictions will be imposed on museum visitors



CALL TO ACTION

Reserve Timed Ticket Online

KEY MESSAGES

- Reopening to the public on March 1, 2021, with restrictions
- Let's keep MOHAI safe together
- Online, reserved day and time ticket sales only
- If you can't visit, you can still show your support for MOHAI by donating or becoming a member

ENGAGEMENT TACTICS

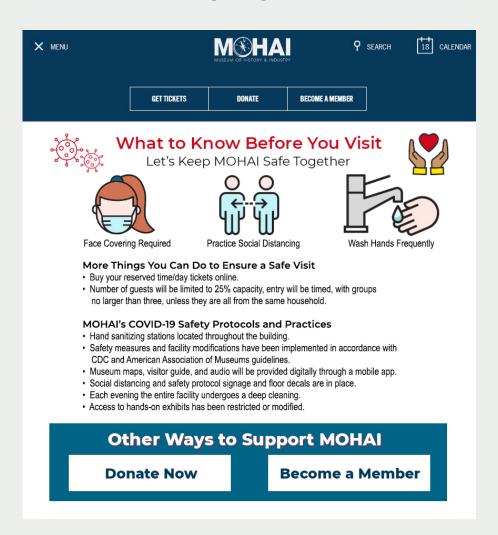
Channel	Target Audience			
	Museum Members	Museum Followers	General Public	
Direct mail postcard	X			
Press Release	X	X	X	
Digital Banner Ads	X	X	X	
Social Media	X	X		
COVID-19 landing page	X			

CREATIVE CONCEPTS

Postcard to Members



COVID-19 Landing Page



Banner Ads & Social Media



CAMPAIGN TIMELINE

PHASE 1

Kickoff

Feb 8

• COVID-19 landing page and reserved ticketing page go live on official MOHAI website

- Direct mail postcards sent to museum membership list
- Press release distributed to local radio stations, print and digital news publications, and TV stations
- Digital banner ads (Phase 1) publication begins in local digital news media
- Social media (Phase 1) postings begin and continue twice weekly until opening day

PHASE 2

Opening Day

Mar 1

- Digital banner ads (Phase 2) publication begins in local digital news media
- Social media (Phase 2) postings begin

Post Opening

Mar 2 to Apr 11

- Digital banner ads (Phase 2) publication continue in local digital news media
- Social media (Phase 2) postings continue twice weekly

SUCCESS METRICS

Overall Success

- Tickets sold
- Attendance
- New memberships
- Donations

Press Release Metrics

- Pickups
- Mentions

Postcard Metrics

Post-campaign survey results

Digital Channel Metrics

COVID-19 Landing Page	"Buy Ticket" Webpage	Digital Banner Ads	Social Media
Page views Unique visitors Bounce Rate Referrals	Page views Unique visitors Bounce Rate Referrals Purchases	Impressions Clicks	Impressions Link clickthroughs Social media shares Social media comments Retweets Likes

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