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After a four-year wait, Google launched a virtual tour of the Milwaukee Public Museum as an additional way to engage with the Milwaukee attraction during Covid-19.

Google team visited the Milwaukee Public Museum in 2016 to take photos for a "street option" view of the inside of the museum. The Google team had reached out to the museum's IT department for collaboration on this project.

According to the museum's director of integrated marketing Jenni Tetzlaff, the

As the museum remains closed to the public during the pandemic, the museum team reached out to Google to launch the virtual tour during this time.

"We just thought it'd be a great way for the community to be able to interact with MPM and see those favorite exhibits," Tetzlaff said.

Online visitors can travel through the museum floors via the Google Map platform. A unique element to this tour, Tetzlaff said, is that visitors can see the Hidden Wisconsin exhibit, which was a temporary exhibit in 2016. Many of the artifacts on display are ones the museum normally does not keep out because they're too fragile.

"People are really enjoying it. We are promoting it as much as we can," Tetzlaff said. "We still want people to be able to enjoy the museum, enjoy collections. We've gotten some really great feedback from teachers. It's ongoing, but we're really enjoying it and hopefully the community is too."

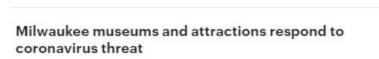
The museum is also engaging visitors virtually with a weekly email series that has different activities and focuses on different elements to its collections. Tetzlaff said the museum is doing more virtual experiences such as an upcoming "Breakfast with the Curator" on Twitter where visitors can interact with the museum's curatorial team.

"We're doing what we can to make sure that we're still at the forefront of people's minds," Tetzlaff said.

The museum also has a reopening team that is working with the city, county and local health care officials on a plan to safely open. At the moment, Tetzlaff said she is unsure what that may look like but believes the museum will be prepared for its reopening when it is allowed to do so.

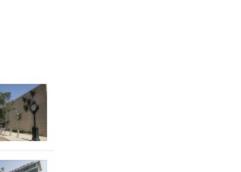
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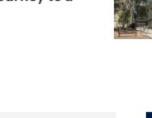
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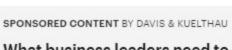








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