

The Arkansas Arts Center is continuing to offer online courses and is planning for more digital exhibitions as its location remains closed due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The center, currently located in Riverdale due to the construction of a new center in MacArthur Park, closed its doors in the spring in response to the growing number of COVID-19 cases in Arkansas. It shifted to offering shorter sessions of some of its art courses online, along with digitally debuting its annual Delta Exhibition as opposed to a physical location.

Dr. Victoria Ramirez is the executive director of the Arkansas Arts Center. She says some of the changes made due to the pandemic, such as online exhibitions could continue on even after art can safely be viewed in-person again.

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“I think an online component gives us a chance to certainly reach more people because we’re able to bring the exhibition not only to all corners of Arkansas, but we’re able to bring the exhibition to the region and beyond, and there’s a longevity to it.”

Ramirez says when the center launches its new website in January, visitors will be able to view past exhibits through an archive.