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**Museums, music schools, training facilities and  
memorials will be allowed to open back up as of  
this coming week**

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**Federal and state decrees allow for the careful and responsible  
opening of cultural, political education, and common good training  
facilities**

**The Ministry of Culture and Science has issued the following  
statement:**

Museums and exhibits, music schools, memorials, and private and public common good training facilities, such as adult education centres, can open back up in the coming week. Reopening requires strict adherence to the stipulated distance and hygiene rules during the coronavirus pandemic. Masks must also be worn in museums, exhibits and memorials. In the case of music schools, only one-on-one lessons will be allowed initially. The state government has decided this on the basis of the results from the federal government and state meetings on 30 April. The specific requirements are regulated in the new Coronavirus Protection Ordinance (CoronaSchVO), which comes into effect on 4 May. The individual facilities will announce the date and manner of their reopening themselves.

"I am very pleased that museums, exhibits and music schools can cautiously resume operation as of next week. This is a crucial glimmer of hope for our cultural life. The federal and state recommendation is good news for homes, but also for artists in North Rhine-Westphalia. I am especially pleased that it is now possible to directly experience art once more," says Minister of Culture and Science Isabel Pfeiffer-Poensgen.

Klaus Kaiser, Parliamentary State Secretary at the Ministry for Culture and Training, had the following to say: "By opening private and public training facilities, the state government is showing how important training is in North Rhine-Westphalia. Of course, strict adherence to hygiene and distance regulations is a great challenge for the facilities. Yet we, the state government, have great faith that those responsible will resume their work with diligence and sound judgment. After the weeks of lockdown, many people will be happy to personally participate in training and continued education services. We are aware that this will not re-

solve every problem caused by the coronavirus in our continued education landscape. But that is why we will continue to draw on a financial solution for common good training and continued education."

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